MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY--THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK CHURCH, DAVIDSON CO., N. C.

AUGUST 25—27, 1866.

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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, Aug. 25.

The members of the Liberty Baptist Association convened.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Walters, from Matthew xxv: 25, "And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine."

After a short intermission, the Association was called to order by singing and prayer by Elder Benjamin Lanier, who also acted Moderator pro tem., and brother J. H. Owen Clerk pro tem. Elder J. B. Jackson and J. D. Huf ham assisted.

Letters from the churches were then handed in and read, and statistics noted. A majority of the delegates appointed being present, were enrolled as follows:

Lick Creek—Jacob Redwine, James Daniel, Wm. Carrick.
Jersey—Isaac Kenney, Ebenezer Merrill, James Smith.
Abbott's Creek—William Clenard, P. W. Raper, N. W. Beeson.
Tom's Creek—Simeon Sheets, Sampson Newsom, S. W. Lanier.
High Point—Jonathah Welch, A. C. Jones.
Liberty—W. Parish, W. Miller, Henry Copple.
Holloway's—Charles Smith, W. F. Stoner, A. J. Feezer.
New Friendship—Alex. Delap, A. R. Spurgin, N. B. Orrell.
Big Creek—Not represented. Total taken from last minutes.
Pine Meeting House—John Barnes, Wm. H. Simeson, Moses Lamb.
Reed's X Roads—Alfred Wood, Isaac A. Park, J. H. Owen.
Marion—Jacob Seachrist, Peter Lopp, R. S. Green.
Salisbury—Not represented.
Thomasville—J. B. Hudson, Aquilla Jones, W. E. Jones.
Muddy Creek—David Essick, S. J. Davis, Lewis Mullican.

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The Association then proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder Benjamin Lanier, Moderator, and brother J. H. Owen Clerk.

On motion, called for newly constituted churches, whereupon Elder J. A. Cornish, presented a petition for admission into this body, from a newly constituted church at Muddy Creek.

On motion, the articles of faith were read, after which,

On motion, it was received as a member of this body, and delegates received the hand of fellowship.

On motion, an invitation was given to Corresponding Messengers, upon which brethren J. J. Yarborough, Dr. S. A. Powell and Daniel H. LaPish, came forward from the Beulah; T. M. Hughes, Corresponding Secretary of the Sabbath School Board; Elder W. T. Walters, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of State Missions; J. D. Huf ham, editor of the *Biblical Recorder;* Elder Enoch Crutchfield and brother David Teague, from the Sandy Creek; brethren Benj. Merrell and John Bank, from the Yadkin.

On motion, appointed Elders J. B. Jackson, William H. Hamner and Isaac Kenney, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements. Brethren J. B. Hudson, and Ebenezer Murrell, a Committee of Finance.

On State Missions—Elders Wm. N. Herriford, and brother Simeon Sheets.

On Church Letters—Elder J. A. Cornish and brother Sampson Newsom.

On Ministerial Support—Elder Wm. N. Herriford and brother Samuel W. Lanier.

On Education—Elders Wm. Turner, and J. D. Huf ham.

On Periodicals—Elder Wm. Turner, and brother N. B. Orrell.

On Colportage and Sabbath Schools—Elders Wm. Turner and J. A. Cornish.

On Temperance—Elder Wm. H. Hamner and brother Charles Smith.

On motion, it was agreed that the above committees submit resolutions instead of making reports.

On motion, appointed the delegates from Abbott's Creek Church, a Committee to arrange preaching during the meeting.

On motion, adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. T. Walters.

SABBATH.

At 10 o'clock, Elder W. T. Walters met a large, attentive, and well behaved congregation, and preached from Exodus XIV: 15. At 11 o'clock, the people were addressed by Elder J. D. Hufham, from Prov. VI: 9—11.

After an intermission of an hour, the people re-assembled and were again addressed by Elder Enoch Crutchfield, from Romans I: 16.

Through all the services, the congregation was attentive, and seemed anxious to hear the word preached, which was edifying to the christian and convincing to the sinner.

MONDAY MORNING, Aug. 27th.

Prayer by Elder J. B. Jackson. The delegates' names were then called by the Clerk. A quorum being present, the Association proceeded to business.

On motion, Elder W. T. Walters was given an opportunity to address the Association on State Missions, and brother T. M. Hughes on Sabbath Schools.

On motion, the Committee on Church Letters was given longer time to prepare their resolutions.

The Committee on Periodicals then submitted the following.

Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the re-appearance of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, for more than thirty years the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina.

Resolved, That we, the members of this body, do all in our power to extend its circulation.

After which, the Association was very pleasantly entertained by addresses from Elders Wm. Turner, J. B. Jackson, T. M. Hughes, J. A. Cornish, J. D. Huf ham and others on the merits of the *Biblical Recorder*, after which the above resolutions were adopted.

On motion, the Committee of Finance, reported that they had received from the churches $29,35. It was then moved and carried, that the clerk expend $20,00 of the Association fund for printing minutes, to be governed in regard to the number by the cost of printing, and that he receive the balance, $9,35 for his services.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The delegates and messengers again assembled and were interestingly entertained by an address from Elder W. T. Walters on State Missions, after which a collection was taken up for said object.

Called on Corresponding Messengers to other Associations to report.

Brother J. H. Owen reported that he had attended the Yadkin and was cordially received and had an interesting meeting.

Brother J. B. Hudson reported that he attended Sandy Creek, was received and had a good meeting.

Elder J. B. Jackson attended the Beulah.

On motion, the Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That Sabbath Schools, to be successful, must be composed of adults and children, and that it is the duty of every professing christian to teach or be taught in the Sabbath School.

Resolved, That we will do all in our power to organize churches and congregations into Sabbath Schools.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed an Executive Board on Missionary operations, to wit: William Clinard, of Abbott's Creek, James Smith, of Jersey, and Charles Smith, of Holloway's.

On motion, appointed the following Corresponding Messengers:

To the Yadkin Association—Elders J. A. Cornish and Aaron Yarborough.

To the Pee Dee Association.—Elders J. B. Jackson, J. A. Cornish and brother Jacob Redwine.

To the Sandy Creek Association—Elder Wm. H. Hamner and brethren J. B. Hudson and Jonathan Welch.

To the Beulah Association—Elders J. B. Jackson, Wm. Turner and brother J. H. Owen.

On motion, agreed that the next sesion of this Association be held with the church at Jersey, seven miles southwest of Lexington, N. C., to commence Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1867.

Appointed Elder Benjamin Lanier to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Aaron Yarborough his alternate.

Resolved, That this Association return its thanks to the brethren, friends and community, for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained it during its session.

On motion, adjourned to the time and place appointed.

Prayer by Elder J. B. Jackson.

BENJAMIN LANIER, *Moderator.*

J. H. OWEN, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Funds.	Ch. Meetings.
Lick Creek.	Davidson,	Jackson Hill,	J. A. Cornish.	27			1	3	6	73	10	83	$ 2 60	4
Jersey,	"	Cotton Grove,	Wm. Turner.	6	1		2	7	18	111	212	323	3 05	1
Abbott's Creek,	"	Abbott's Creek,	J. B. Jackson.					2	2	55	2	57	2 00	3
Tom's Creek,	"	Healing Springs,		1		1			1	19	2	21	1 50	1
High Point,	Guilford,	High Point,	No pastor.				1	1		21		21	2 15	
Liberty,	Davidson,	Fair Grove,	Benj. Lanier.					2	1	70	1	71	1 25	2
Holloway's,	"	Cotton Grove,	J. A. Cornish.	42	5	1	1			85	19	104	3 00	2
New Friendship,	Forsythe,	Salem,	W. Turner.	11				1	2	72	2	74	2 70	2
Big Creek,	Montgomery,									40	3	43		
Pine Meeting House,	Davidson,	Lexington.	C. W. Bessent.							16		16	1 65	4
Reed's X Roads,	"	"	A. Yarborough.	11	1		9	1	3	50	2	52	3 00	2
Marion,	"	"	J. A. Cornish.	11	2				2	19	3	22	1 40	3
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Salisbury,												
Thomasville,	Davidson,	Thomasville,	J. B. Jackson.	1	1		2					25	2 00	1
Muddy Creek,	"	Clemmonsville,	J. A. Cornish.	26									3 05	1
				136	9	2	16	17	35	653	256	912	$29 35	

List of Ordained Preachers.—Wm. N. Herriford, of Lick Creek; Benj. Lanier and Jno. Snider, of Tom's Creek; Wm. H. Hamner, Aaron Yarborough and J. A. Cornish, of Reed's X Roads; Wm. Turner, of New Friendship; Wm. Lambeth, of Salisbury; J. B. Jackson, of Thomasville.

MINUTES

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LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

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The Church at Abbott's Creek, Davidson County, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Abbott's Creek, Davidson County,
Saturday, August 22nd, 1868.

The introductory sermon was preached according to appointment by Elder Wm. H. Hamner, from Eph. 2: 5. After a recess, the Association was called to order by singing and prayer by Elder Benjamin Lanier, brother J. H. Owen acting as clerk, *pro tem.*

The roll of Churches was then called and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Lick Creek—W. R. Coggin, Wm. P. Redwine.

Jersey Settlement—Joseph Roach, G. W. Palmer and J. H. Smith.

Abbott's Creek—C. J. Watkins, E. E. Pitts and John Teague.

Tom's Creek—Spencer Kerns, Peter Riley and Simeon Sheets.

High Point—A. C. Jones, J. L. Pleasant and J. Welch.

Liberty—H. Copple, J Kepley and W. Parrish.

Holloway's—Samuel Beeker, A. J. Feezor and Wm. Gallimore.

New Friendship—R. J. Charles, A. R. Spurgin and Alexander Delap.

Big Creek—S. R. Coggin, Obediah Miller and George Henderson.

Pine Meeting House—Henry Beck.

Reed's Cross Road's—J. N. Myers, J. A. Craver and J. H. Owen.

Marion—R. S. Green and Peter Lopp.

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Thomasville—Aquilla Jones, A. R. Wetherington and Wm. E. Jones.

Muddy Creek—Jacob Cornish, Wm. Doty and Benjamin Doty.

After which an election for Moderator and Clerk, resulted in the choice of Elder Benjamin Lanier, Moderator, and brother J. H. Owen, Clerk.

An invitation was then given to churches that might desire to unite with this Association, upon which Elder A. P. Stoker presented a petition from a newly constituted church called Stoker's Chapel, asking admission into this Association. After remarks by Elders Hamner, Jackson and Stoker, it was received, and the hand of fellowship extended to the delegates, Elders, A. P. Stoker, W. N. Thayer and brother M. J. Leach.

An invitation to corresponding brethren, was accepted by the following ministers and brethren, to-wit:

Pee Dee—Brother W. W. Russell.

Sandy Creek—Elder Enock Crutchfield.

Beulah—Elders, P. H. Fontaine and P. Oliver,

Yadkin—Elder J. J. Blackwood and A. S. Jones.

Elder E. C. Williams then presented a petition from the Rocky River Association, asking to open a correspondence with this Association, which was cheerfully agreed to, and the delegates, Elder E. C. Williams and brother J. M. McCurdy, were cordially received, the Moderator giving them the hand of fellowship.

Elder Williams then submitted a few remarks, setting forth the design of forming the Rocky River Association, also Elder Walters made a few remarks on the same subject.

An invitation was then extended to visiting brethren which was accepted by Elder W. T. Walters, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of State Missions; J. B. Richardson from the Sandy Creek—and Elder Robert Gourly from the Beulah.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Order of business—Elders J. B. Jackson, W. H. Hamner, and brother John Teague.

Finance—brethren A. C. Jones and W. E. Jones.

State Missions—Elders William Turner and A. P. Stoker.

Church Letters and State of Religion—Elder J. B. Jackson and brother Wiley Parrish.

Ministerial Support—Elders A. P. Stoker and W. H. Hamner.

Education—Elders J. A. Cornish and J. B. Richardson.

Periodicals—Brethren W. R. Coggins and W. P. Redwine.

Colportage and Sabbath Schools—Elder J. B. Richardson and brother A. R. Wetherington.

Temperance—Elder W. H. Hamner and A. P. Stoker.

Religious Services—Brother W. Raper, with the Pastor and Deacons of Abbott's Creek Church.

There being no other business before the Association, Elder W. T. Walters made an address on the religious condition of the country

Adjourned to Monday 9 o'clock, A. M. Singing, and prayer by Elder E. C. Williams.

SABBATH.

Religious services in the morning.

Owing to the incessant rain in the morning, the people did not collect for preaching until the afternoon.

At 3 o'clock, Elder E. C. Williams preached from Romans 1: 16.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M

Religious services by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder J. J. Blackwood.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee beg leave to report that after examining the matter, they think the churches have been too neglecttul, and have not done their duty as they should. We would recommend, that in the future they endeavor to amend in this respect. We are aware that the pressure of the times and scarcity of money render many churches unable to support their pastor as they should. We would therefore suggest that each member lay up in store of his earnings for that special purpose. In this way they may be able to do something for the support of the Gospel. All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. P. STOKER, Chm'n.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following: We believe it to be our duty as Christians to put forth every effort in our power for the proper education, not only of our own children, but the rising generation, there has been too much neglect by us as a body of Christians in this matter. We believe ignorance to be one of the Devil's strongest forts. Seeing the great advantages of education, and especially now, what father will not resolve at least to give his children a good English, and if possible a classical or finished education. We would recommend to all, our College at Wake Forest, equal we think to any in the State, with many advantages for giving a sound and moral education. We would recommend the Abbott's Creek School, at Abbott's Creek, as worthy the patronage of all. It possesses the advantages of a healthy location, and is surrounded by good society. We further believe it to be our duty to encourage this school.

J A. CORNISH, Chm'n.

Pending the adoption, remarks were made by brother J. H. Mills, Elders Walters, Cornish and Turner.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals beg leave to report. Dear brethren, we fear that our people are too dilatory about reading religious literature, therefore your committee would recommend the Baptists generally to read and extend the circulation of the *Biblical Recorder*, *Kind Words* and the *Home and Foreign Journal*, believing that reading these precious sheets, would be the means of doing much good.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. COGGIN, Chm'n.

Pending the adoption of the report remarks were made

by brother J. H. Mills editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Elders Turner and Cornish.

On Colportage and Sabbath Schools there being no report, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That we co-operate with the Sunday School Association of North Carolina, and commend this organization to our churches.

The Committee on Temperance then reported—Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report. After considerable thought on the subject of Temperance, we have come to the conclusion that an undue excess of spirits or drunkenness is a sin, and God will not hold the guilty guiltless, and further we would recommend to our brethren to put away the evil from among them. Let it not once be named among us, that we have any one who would be seen intoxicated within our bounds.

WM. H. HAMNER, Chm'n.

Appointed a Committee consisting of the following:

Elders Wm. H. Hamner and Aaron Yarbrough, to visit Salisbury Church, and make inquiry into the cause of her not representing herself in this body, and to report to this body at its next annual meeting.

On motion, it was agreed that the constitution of this Association be appended to our minutes.

The following delegates were then appointed to the Baptist State Convention, to-wit: Elders J. B. Jackson, Wm. Turner and brethren E. E. Pitts, J. L. Pleasant and W. F. Stoner.

Appointed Elder J. B. Jackson to preach the Introductory sermon at the next annual meeting of this body.

Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes, 500 in number allowing him $10,00 for his services as clerk of this Assaciation.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren, neighbors and friends for their hospitality in supporting this body during its session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder Walters, benediction by the Moderator.

BENJAMIN LANIER, Moderator.

J. H. Owen, Clerk.

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Lick Creek,	Davidson,	J. A. Cornish,	W. P. Redwine,	Lexington,	10		1	2	3	3	111	12	123	$ 2 75	4th
Jersey Settlement,	"	W. Turner,	James Wiseman,	"	12			22		11	112	200	312	3 00	1st
Abbott's Creek,	"	J. B. Jackson,	John Teague,	Abbott's Creek,	6	3		1		2	89	3	92	3 05	3rd
Tom's Creek,	"	A. P. Stoker,	Sampson Newsom,	Hannersville,	7	2				2	26	2	28	1 95	2nd
High Point,	Guilford,	Wm. Turner,	J. Welch,	High Point,	10	7		7		1	33	3	36	2 50	4th
Liberty,	Davidson,		W. Parrish,	Hannersville,							67	1	68	1 50	2nd
Holloway's,	"	J. A. Cornish,	C. Smith,	Silver Hill,	11			5	1	1	98	12	110	2 00	2nd
New Friendship,	Forsyth,	F. H. Jones,	W. Turner,	Salem,	2	1	1	6	2	1	82	7	89	2 48	1st
Big Creek,	Montgomery,	A. P. Stoker,	S. R. Coggin,	Burns' Mill,	25	10		2		1	28	1	29	1 05	3rd
Pine M. House,	Davidson,	C. W. Bessent,	H. A. Clement,	Lexington,	1	1					18		18	1 35	4th
Reed's X Roads,	"	J. B. Jackson,	R. S. Green,	"						2	66	2	68	2 00	2nd
Marion,	"	A. Yarborough,	J. H. Owen,	"							16	3	19	2 10	2nd
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Not represented,													
Thomasville,	Davidson,	J. B. Richardson,	W. E. Jones,	Thomasville,							17		17	1 10	1st
Muddy Creek,	"	J. A. Cornish,	David Essex,	Clemmonsville,	3	1			4		49	7	56	1 00	1st
Stoker's Chapel,	Montgomery,	A. P. Stoker,		Sander's Hill,							18	1	19	1 25	1st
					87	25	2	25	14	24	380	254	1084	28 43	

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their numbers in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

3. Members thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the Liberty Association; who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches in this Union.

4. The Association when convened shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

5. Other churches may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination if found orthodox. and orderly, shall be received by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every motion made and seconded, shall be left to the discretion of the Association, whether it shall be debated or not.

7. Any church in this union shall be entitled to representation in this Association, but shall send only three members.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes, the best method for effecting the purpose shall be left to the discretion of the same.

9. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting the same and, we think it the duty of each church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper, and send by the hand of their delegates to the Association, and those monies thus contributed shall be placed in the hands of a Treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall be accountable to the same for all monies received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

10. There shall be a yearly meeting of this Association where the pro-

ceedings of each session shall be regularly recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

11. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if needs be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

12. The Association shall have power to enquire into the cause, why the churches do not at any time of sitting represent themselves.

13. This Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of the same or deviate from the othodox principles of religion.

14. The Association shall have power to invite all visiting brethren in the ministry, from other churches or Associations, whom they esteem of good moral character, and of the same faith and order, to sit with her in council.

15. This Association shall not have the power to exercise any authority over the private sentiments of individual brethren or churches, respecting the various institutions of the day, purporting to have for their object the spread of the gospel, and the diffusion of useful knowledge.

16. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time and place it may think most convenient to the churches.

17. This Constitution shall be subjected to alteration, when a majority of the Association shall think proper.

18. All the ordained ministers of this Association are constituted members ex-officio, and entitled to seats on all occasions without being elected by their churches.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

Benjamin Lanier,	New Market,	J. Snider,	Hannesville,
Wm. H. Hamner,	Lexington,	J. A. Cornish,	Lexington,
A. Yarbrough,	"	W. N. Herriford,	Wentworth,
*S. W. Howerton,	Thomasville,	J. B. Jackson,	Thomasville,
Wm. Lambeth,	Salisbury,	Wm. Turner,	Salem,
A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church,	W. N. Thayer,	Sanders Hill,

*Elder Howerton obtained a letter of dismission from the church at Thomasville with a view of moving his membership out of our bounds, but recently we learned that he had not done so. This accounts for his name not appearing in our last minutes.—Clerk.

The Author
Raleigh July 1869 —
"A good suggestion —

Form of Tables to be used by the Clerks of Churches, and Supt's. of Sunday Schools.

Statistical Table of ..... Church. ..... Clerk.

Location.	Time of Meeting.	Pastors.	Pastor's Residence	Clerk's Residence	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Male.	Female.	Total.

Contributions of ..... Church.

Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education	S. School Board State N C	Printing Minutes.	Religious Papers taken.	Miscellaneous.

Sunday School of ..... Church ..... Supt.

Teachers.	Scholars.	Male.	Female.	Meets.	What part of year.	Superintendents.	Post office of Supt.	No. verses Scripture recited.	Scholars professed religion past year.	Copies of Kind Words taken.	Vols. in Library.	Co.'tions	Remarks.

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PROCEEDINGS.

BIG CREEK, Montgomery County, N. C.
Saturday, 21st August, 1869.

In the absence of Elder J. B. Jackson the introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. P. Stoker, from Psalm 150 : 6.

After a short intermission, on motion of Elder W. H. Hamner, Elder Wm. Turner was called to the chair. The churches were then called, and letters read by the former clerk, which represented the following delegation :

Lick Creek—Joseph Carrick, Thomas Carrick and Jesse Parks.

Jersey Settlement—Joseph Roach, G. F. Smith, sen. and G. F. Smith, jr.

Abbott's Creek—E. E. Pitts, William Clinard and W. R. Hedecock.

Tom's Creek—Jesse Steed, Henry Sheets and Simeon Sheets.

High Point—A. C. Jones, J. Welch and J. H. Brooks*

Liberty—J. Kepley,* W. Parrish,* and A. Copple.*

Holloway's—W. F. Stoner, D. H. Cross, Benjamin Dickens.

New Friendship.—J. P. Nissén, G. W. Harmon. M. L. Charles.

Big Creek—M. Davis, Lewis Henderson, Locky Henderson.

Pine Meeting House—John Barnes,* Henry Beck,* and H. A. Clement.*

Reed's Cross Roads—Isaac A. Park,* Wm. A. Livengood,* J. H. Owen.

Marion—Peter Lopp, R. S. Green,* Jacob Seachrist,*

Thomasville—A. Jones, A. R. Witherington,* W. E. Jones.*

Muddy Creek—No delegates—funds and statistics by the Pastor.

Stoker's Chapel—M. J. Leach, N. R. Jackson, P. C. Riley.

Elder Wm. Turner was then chosen Moderator, and Bro. J. H. Owen, Clerk.

* Not Present.

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Invitation to correspondents was accepted by Elder P. Oliver, from the Beulah, Elder's A. G. Galoway, and J. W. Dunn, from the Pee Dee; Elder H. Marton, from the Rocky River.

An invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by Elder D. Wright.

The following committees were appointed:

On Finance.—Brethren M. Davis, and P. C. Riley,

On Order of Business.—Brethren Wm. Clinard, G. F. Smith Senior, Elder A. Yarbrough, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Church Letters.—Brother G. W. Harmon and Elder A. P. Stoker.

State Missions—Brother E. E. Pitts.

Ministerial Support.—Brother Aquilla Jones.

Temperance.—Elker A. P. Stoker,

Sabbath Schools—Brother J. H. Owen.

Periodicals.—Brother W. R. Hedgecock.

Education.—Elder Wyatt N. Thayer.

Religious Service.—The Pastor, Delegates, and Deacons of Big Creek Church.

Adjourned. Prayer, Elder W. Dnnn, leading.

SABBATH.

The ministers appointed to occupy the stand, met a large, well ordered and attentive congregation, and were addressed as follows:

At half after 9 o'clock, Elder D. Wright preached from Hebrews 4: 9.

At 11 o'clock, Elder Wm. Turner preached from Luke 12: 57.

INTERMISSION.

At 2 o'clock, Elder P. Oliver, preached from John 17: 11.

Prayer, Elder Dunn leading.

Monday, 9½ o'clock.

The Moderator read 119th Psalm. Hymn, "Come we that love the Lord."

Prayer, Elder Oliver, leading.

Roll call by the Clerk.

Order of business read and adopted.

Correspondents were then called upon to report.

Yadkin. The brethren did not attend.

Sandy Creek. No one attended.

Beulah. Brother J. L. Pleasant attended, and was cordially received, he brought back an interesting report.

Rocky River. No one attended.

Those failing to attend the different Associations to which they were appointed, gave their reasons and were excused.

The Baptist State Convention was attended by Elder Turner, brethren G. W. Harmon, and W. R. Hedgecock.

Correspondents to other Associations were appointed as follows:

Yadkin, Brethren John Teague, Wm. Clenard and J. H. Owen,

Sandy Creek, Brother A. C. Jones, Elders W. H. Hamner and Aaron Yarbrough.

Pee Dee, Brethren M. J. Leach, P. C. Riley, and M. Davis.

Beulah, Brethren Joseph Roach, G. F. Smith, Sen., and J. L. Pleasant.

Rocky River, Elder A. P. Stoker, Brethren W. R. Coggin and E. H. Davis.

Committees reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Dear Brethren:—We, who were appointed as a committee to prepare a report on Church Letters, after some little consideration, have been glad to learn that the Lord has been with his people and that in some churches of our Association there have been glorious revivals, and many precious souls as we believe, have, through the instrumentality of God's people, been brought from nature's night into the glorious liberty of the children of God. And Christians have been encouraged, strengthened and enabled to rejoice in hope of a blessed immortality. And surely we should say as David, "Come, let us magnify the Lord, let us exalt His name together."

But while it fills our souls with joy and gladness to hear of the prosperity of Zion in some portions of our Association, we are made to sorrow over her desolations in other parts of the vineyard. Some of the brethren are telling us of the coldness of their churches. They are crying out, "O my leanness, my leanness."

Brethren, why this cold state of God's people. Is it because the Lord is not willing to bless his people, or is it because we have been too negligent in regard to many important duties. We verely believe, brethren that there is no necessity for our coldness, but that it is our privilege to be always rejoicing in the Lord. Let us all search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord. Is it not high time to awake to a sense of the responsibility resting upon us. Our great Adversary is

always awake and shall we not watch and pray. Let us labor together for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. And when we are engaged in working and praying with our soul, mind, and strength, then may we expect that the Lord will pour down such a blessing as that, there shall not be room enough to contain it. The walls of Zion shall be built up, Christians will be revived, sinners converted to God, the strongholds of Satan shall tremble, and the name of our Lord Jesus Christ shall be glorified in the earth.

Respectfuly submitted,

G. W. HARMAN, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

By a careful survey of our widly extended teritory we at once see there are several localities destitute of Baptist preaching.

Resolved, That we try to stir our members upon this all important subject and if possible enlist each of our 1084 members in the work.

Resolved, That a very small amount layed by weekly would make a sum in the agregate that would do very much towards supplying all portions with the Gospel of our blessed Lord Master.

Resolved, In view of this we earnestly request each and every one to give weekly as the Lord hath prospered him for this glorious work.

E. E. PITTS.

Report read. After remarks by brother M. J. Leach, Elders Wright, Morton, Oliver, Hamner, and Stoker, the report was amended and adopted.

On motion Elder Turner was excused from the duties of the chair to go to the stand to preach, and Elder Hamner was chosen in his stead.

The committee on Ministerial Support submitted the following:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Since it has pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe, it is therefore necessary to have a number of preachers; that every vicinity may enjoy the preached word, your committee regret exceedingly the necessity of saying, that there is great destitution within the bounds of the Liberty Association. What is the cause of this? Are there not enough ministers to occupy the territory? We suggest that the real cause may be, that the ministers of our district, are generally confined to some secular employment, because they are not supported by the people. Brethren this ought not so to be. Various considerations show that those who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. Reason and common sense teach that every man should live by his labor. The farmer lives by his occupation. The blacksmith expects to live by his daily earnings at the anvil. The doctor, lawyer and school teacher all live by their employments. Why not the preacher live the same way? Are his sacrifices and labors too small to command food and raiment for himself and family? Christ said in reference to his minis-

ters, "the workman is worthy of his meat," "the laborer is worthy of his hire." Mat. 10: 10; Luke, 10: 7. Paul says in 1 Tim. 5: 18. "For the scripture saith, (Deut. 25: 4) thou shall not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn: And, the laborer is worthy of his reward. Let men try the experiment in their temporal interest, plough the ox without food for a few days, the ox will be sure to die, then grass and hurtful weeds will take the field, just so, withhold from the minister a reasonable support, he will be reduced to the necessity of remaining at home, most of his time, then hurtful errors will take the spiritual field. We recommend the brethren generally to read that masterly comment of the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 9: 4, 14. There he brings to bear upon the minds of the Christian brethren, various considerations, why the minister has a right to expect a support from those to whom he preaches. He askes such questions as these, "have we not power to eat and to drink?" "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock?" "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" Do ye not know, that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partaker with the altar?" Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel! Let us bear in mind that the Apostle draws these sacred and important lessons from the old Testament scriptures, as well as from every day life. Again he says, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things," Gal. 6: 6. The ministers support should be liberal, because hospitality is enjoined upon him. He is to be an example to the church in liberality. How can he do this, if his support is so scanty that he can scarcely keep soul and body together! Brethren may contribute in kind as well as currency, "all good things," such as will benefit the minister or his family. The contributors are all those who are taught in the word Covetousness is a crying sin of the church. Brethren, all should feel their obligation to Christ, to do what they can, then we may hope for a different state of things, in the churches and country generally.

Respectfully submitted,

A. JONES.

which after remarks by Elders Oliver, Morton, and Wright. was adopted.

On Sunday Schools the following resolutions were submitted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association the Sabbath School enterprise is a good work and demands the attention and hearty cooperation of all Christians.

Resolved, That we recommend the Churches within our Association to organize and maintain well conducted Sabbath Schools, not only at their own houses of worship but in destitute sections of the country were it may be deemed practicable,

On Periodicals. The following after remarks by Elder Oliver was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Resolved, That this Association urge that every Baptist family should read religious newspapers, that through them the rising youths may be brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and that every member should take and read the RECORDER, that they may hear from those whom they love and wholove them.

W. R. HEDGECOCK.

On Education. Without remarks, the following was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education, after taking the matter into consideration, beg leave to submit the following:

"We believe it to be our duty as Christians to put fourth every effort in our power for the proper education, not only of our own children, but of the rising generation; there has been too much neglect by us as a body of Christians in this matter, we believe that ignorance has been through all time past, the mother of vice and immorality; and it is at this time; with a prospect of growing worse in the future, one of Satans strongest forts.

Seeing the great advantages of education, especially at this time, what father or mother will not resolve at least to give their children a good English. and if possible a Classical or a finished education?

We would recommend to all, our College at Wake Forest, it being an old and well established institution, equal, we think, to any in the State, with many advantages for giving a sound, and a moral education.

We would also recommend the Abbott's Creek School at Abbott's Creek, and all other similar institutions as worthy the patronage of all. It possesses the advantages of a healthy location and is surrounded by good society

We further believe it to be our duty to encourage this and all similar institutions.

WYATT N. THAYER, Chairman.

On Temperance. Elder A. P. Stoker was not ready and was excused, whereupon brother J. H. Owen unwilling to see the subject passed over in silence, begged leave to offer a single resolution, which was granted.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association, the Manufacture, Traffic, or use of Intoxicating Liquors as a beverage is not consistant with Christian character.

After remarks by Elder's Oliver and Wright it was adopted.

The following committees were then appointed to report at the next annual meeting of this body.

On Temperance.—Brother E. E. Pitts.

On Periodicals.—Elder W. N. Thayer.

On Sabbath Schools.—Elder Wm. Turner.

On Education.—Brother J. H. Owen.

On Ministerial Support.—Brother J. L. Pleasant.

On State and Foreign Missions.—Brother G. W. Harman.

On Church Letters and State of Religion.—Elder A. P. Stoker.

Ordered that the form of letters from Churches to the Association be printed.

It was agreed that this Association meet in its next annual session with the Baptist Church at Pine Meeting House, Davidson county, on Saturday before the 4th. Sabbath in August, 1870.

Appointed Elder Wm. Turner to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Aaron Yarbrough his alternate. The Committee on Finance reported. (See table.)

Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes, 500 in number, and that he have $10,00 for his service as Clerk of this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to the brethren, friends and neighbors for their kind hospitality in supporting it during its session.

On motion adjourned. Prayer By Elder Harman.

WM. TURNER, MODERATOR,

J. H. OWEN, Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

It was agreed by the Association that the following order of business be observed by this body at future meetings.

1st. Reading Church letters.

2d. Election of Moderator and Clerk.

3d. Invite Correspondents and visiting brethren.

4th. Call on Correspondents and Delegates to Baptist State Convention to report.

5th. Appoint Correspondents to other Associations and Delegates to Baptist State Convention.

6th. Appoint Committees, on Temperance, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Education, Ministerial Support, State and Foreign Missions, Church Letters and State of Religion.

7th. Miscellaneous.

8th. Appoint Committees to report the next year.

9th. Appoint time and place for next Association.

10th. Appoint some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.

11th. Appoint some one to superintend the printing of the Minutes.

12th. Adjournment.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Benjamin Lanier,	New Market,	Wm. H. Hamner, Lexington.
S. W. Howerton,	Thomasville,	Aaron Yarbrough, "
Wm. Lambeth,	Salisbury,	A, P. Stoker, Salem Church.
John Snider,	Hannersville,	W. N. Herriford, Wentworth
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	W. N. Thayer. Sander's Hill.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Funds.	Ch Meetings
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	H. Morton,	W. P, Redwine,	Jackson Hill,	23		1	3	3	7	127	9	136	$ 3 00	4th
Jersey Settlement,	"	Wm. Turner,	James Wiseman,	Lexington,	6			8	2	10	110	196	306	3 10	1st
Abbott's Creek,	"	J. B. Richardson,	John Teague,	Abbott's Creek,	3	1				1	93	3	96	2 50	3rd
Tom's Creek,	"	A. P. Stoker,	Henry Sheets,	Salem Church,	18					1	39	3	42	2 05	2nd
High Point,	Guilford,	Wm. Turner,	J. Welch,	High Point,							32	2	34	3 70	4th
Liberty,	Davidson,	A. P. Stoker,	W. Parrish,	Hannersville,	1				2	1	66		66	1 25	4th
Holloway's,	"	P. Oliver,	Charles Smith,	Silver Hill,					4	1	92	12	104	2 75	3rd
New Friendship,	Forsyth,	F. H. Jones,	W. Turner,	Salem,	54	3		5	2	4	129	6	135	5 00	1st
Big Creek,	Montgomery,	A. P. Stoker,	M. Davis.	Burney's Mills	1		1	2	3		33	1	34	1 25	3rd
Pine Meeting House	Davidson,	C. W. Bessent,	H. A. Clement,	Lexington,	13	6					36		36	2 00	4th
Reed's X Roads,	"	A. Yarbrough,	J. H. Owen,	"	3			2		1	66	2	68	1 00	2nd
Marion,	"	W. H, Hamner,	R. S. Green,	"		1					16	2	18	1 00	2nd
Salisbury,	Rowan,		"	Salisbury,							10		10	25	
Thomasville,	Davidson,	J. B. Richardson,	W. E. Jones,	Thomasville,	3	2		3		1	17		17	1 50	1st
Muddy Creek.	"	P. Oliver.	David Essex,	Clemmonsville,					3		47	6	53	1 50	1st
Stoker's Chapel,	Montgomery.		P. C. Riley.	Sander's Hill,					1		17	1	18	1 00	1st
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FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

The.....Baptist Church at.....
to the Liberty Association for 18.....

Dear Brethren.—We have chosen the following brethren to represent us in the Association, (to wit).....whom we hope you will receive in love.

The statistics of our Church are as follows:

Received by Baptism.

Received by letter.

Dismissed by letter.

Excluded.

Restored.

Deceased.

White males.

White females.

Colored males.

Colored females.

Total in fellowship.

Pastor.

Pastor's Post Office.

Clerk's Post Office.

Time of Church conference.

Funds.

By order of the Church.

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Minutes of the thirty-sixth
annual session of the
Liberty Baptist Association

William Turner
Moderator

J. H. Dixon Clk

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

PINE MEETING HOUSE, DAVIDSON CO. N. C.

AUGUST 27-29,—1870.

ELDER WM. TURNER, MODERATOR.

J. H. OWEN, CLERK,

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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, August, 27, 1870.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder, Wm. Turner, from Rev. 2nd: 4.

After a short intermission the Association was called to order by the former Moderator.—Prayer, Elder P. Oliver, leading.

Letters from the Churches were handed in which represented the following delegation:

Lick Creek.—Wm. R. Coggin, Jacob Redwine, and W. P. Redwine.

Jersey Settlement.—G. W. Smith, G. F. Smith and G. W. Palmer.

Abbott's Creek.—Wm. Clinard, N. W. Beeson, and P. W. Raper.

Tom's Creek.—Sampson Newsom, E. S. Kernes, and Peter Riley.

High Point.—A. C. Jones, J. H. Brooks, and J. L. Pleasant.

Liberty.—J. T. Hepler* B. Lanier Jr.* and W. Miller.

Holloway's.—W. F. Stoner* Samuel Beeker, and W. R. Broadway.

New Friendship.—P. E. Leight, G. W. Harmon* Wm. W. Phillips*

Big Creek.—E. H. Davis* M. Davis, and J. M. Henderson.

Pine Meeting House.—John Barnes, J. H. Wilson, Moses Lamb.

Reed's Cross Roads.—Michael Leonard, Alvaren Leonard and Wm. A. Livengood.

Marion.—Peter Lopp, J. A. Leonard and R. S. Green.

Salisbury.—not represented.

Thomasville.—S. W. Howerton, Wm. E. Jones and A. R. Witherington.

Muddy Creek.—C. A. Brindle, Wm. Doty and Ben. Doty.

* Absent.

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Stocker's Chapel.—not represented.

The Association then proceeded to elect by ballot a Moderator, and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder Wm. Turner, Moderator, and brother J. H. Owen, Clerk.

The Pastor, delegates and deacons, of the Church at this place were appointed a committee on religious services.

An invitation to corresponding brethren was accepted by bro. E. L. Parker, B. S. Merrel, and Elder C. W. Bessent from the Yadkin; and visiting brethren by Elders P. Oliver, R. Gourley from the Beulah and brother J. H. Mills, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, who was requested at some suitable time to present the claims of the *Recorder*. Agreed, that the Sabbath School interest be presented on Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock.

Appointed G. F. Smith, W. S. Adderton, a committee on Finance.

The order of business recommended by the Association was adopted.

Correspondents from sister Associations reported. Those appointed to attend the Yadkin, all attended and were received and much pleased with the deliberations and spirit manifested in every good work. The brethren to Sandy Creek did not attend and were excused.

Pee Dee, Brother M. Davis, attended and brought back an encouraging report. Rocky River. The brethren appointed, attended, and were much pleased with the spirit manifested in that body.

Elder Turner, attended the Baptist State Convention, also brother W. F. Stoner sent by his church attended.

Elder Turner reads the following report on Sabbath Schools.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS,

While there is much being done, by Christians, in many sections of the country, in this way of doing good; still, it is a means which has been too much neglected by Christians in this Association.

As long as the precept "Train up a child in the way he should go," is obligatory; and while the record stands in the New Testament; "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord:"--and while we learn from the highest of all authority, that young Timothy was indebted to the care and education of his mother and grand-mother for his godly character: all christians who are alive and active for the master, and can, should engage in this lovely employment.

Wm. TURNER.

after remarks by Elder Oliver bro. J. L. Pleasant, J. H. Mills, and others.

A motion to adjourn prevailed. Benediction by Elder C. M. Bessent.

SUNDAY, 10 o'clock A. M.

The editor of the Biblical Recorder on invitation addressed the people on prospect and condition of the paper, and a club was made.

Elder Wm Turner, after reading Matthew 8th, and singing Hymn, "Religion is the chief concern," and prayer by Elder Oliver, preaches from Matthew 15th, 25th,

Prayer by Elder Gourley, Hymn "Tis religion that can give." Benediction.

2 O'clock, P. M.

After intermission and refreshments, Elder P. Oliver preached from Text "Preach the Word,"

MONDAY, 9 o'clock.

The Moderator reads 20th Psalm. Hymn, "Children of the heavanly King."

Roll of delegates called by the clerk. The report on Sabbath Schools read on Saturday was again taken up, and adopted. Brother J. H. Owen in behalf of the Sabbath School Convention asked the privelige of having the proceedings of the Sabbath morning meeting of that body appended to the minutes of this Association which was granted.

The Moderator then proceeds to the appointment of correspondents to sister Associations, as follows .

Yadkin—Bro. J. H. Wilson and Henry Beck.

Sandy Creek—Bro. A. C. Jones, Elders J. H. Brooks and W. H. Horner.

Pee Dee—Elder H. Morton and bro. M. Davis.

Beulah—Bro. J. L. Pleasant and Elder J. H. Brooks.

Rocky River—Elder A. P. Stoker and brother Jesse Parks.

Baptist State Convention—Elder J. H. Brooks, brother J. L Pleasant; and on motion the moderator of this Association was added. In the absence of the report on Temperance, Elder

J. H. Brooks was requested to give the subject notice, either by report or resolutions, which he did by offering the following, accompanied with remarks.

Resolved, That, in the estimation of this Association, Temperance is one of the christian virtues, and is enforced by the precepts and example of Christ and his apostles. It is our opinion that it is the duty of all christians prudently to use their influence, both in word and in action, against the manufacture and use of ardent spirits, as a beverage.

The report on Periodicals was read, and after amendment was adopted,

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Resolved. That this Association recommend that every Baptist family should read religious newspapers, that through them the rising generation may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and that every member should take and read the *Recorder*, *Kind Words*, and *Child's Delight*, that they might be instructed in religious matters, and that they may hear from our friends whom we love.

WYATT N. THAYER, CHAIRMAN.

The report on Ministerial Support was read, and after remarks by Elders Howerton, Bessent, Turner, and brother Wm. Clinard was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

That the Minister of the Gospel, should receive of the first fruits, and be *well* sustained in a temporal point of view by the churches, is a question, that to us, does not admit of a doubt. But the securing of this end, in our opinion, devolves mainly, upon the *Deacons*.

It is their duty, and a responsibility that they cannot disregard with impunity, to *stir up* the brethren; and urge the importance of their contributing to the support of this Divinely appointed Work. We are not to "muzzle the ox," for "they that preach the *Gospel*, shall *live* of the gospel."

And if our deacons would do this, the Minister would not be tempted to descend from the dignity of his office, by making appeals for money; which if indulged in will most surely weaken his influence for good – Therefore,

Resolved.—That the deacons of all the churches of this Association, be *earnestly* requested to *see* to it, that their Pastors are *paid*, and paid *promptly*.

J. L. PLEASANT.

The report following on Education, was also adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Dear brethren, The importance of education, is almost universally admitted, and the advantages for acquiring it complete are rapidly increasing. Our denomination has schools of the highest grade under the care of the most eminently qualified teachers. And now that the Lord has blessed us with abundant harvest we earnestly and affectionately urge our people to give their children all the benefits of all the educational advantages in their reach. We especially commend the Abbott's Creek school conducted by Elder J. B. Richardson at Teague town.

We rejoice also in the prosperity of Wake Forest College, Chowan Institute and Raleigh Female Seminary, and we are glad to know, that the young people of our denomination may be thoroughly instructed by teachers of our own faith and order.

J. H. OWEN.

The subjects of State and Foreign Missions, Church Letters,

and State of Religion, were passed over, there being no reports prepared by those appointed on those objects.

Elder S. M. Howerton offered a verbal resolution to secure the appointment of a committe, consisting of bro. E. H. Davis bro. J. L. Pleasant, A. R. Witherington whose duty it shall be to correspond with the American Baptist Home Mission Board, with a view of securing the appointment and support of some suitable person to preach the Gospel to the colored people in the bounds of this Association.

The following resolution was then passed :

Resolved That this Association, recommend that the Churches throughout its bounds take up public collections to aid Elder J. B. Richardson in educating those under his care who are prosecuting their studies with a view to the ministry.

On motion the order of business was amended.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION OF THIS BODY.

Temperance—Elder J. H. Brooks ; *Periodicals*—Bro, J. L. Pleasant : *Sabbath Schools*—E. E. Pitts : *Education*—Elder S .M. Howerton : *Ministerial Support*—Bro. Wm. Clinard : *Church letters and State of Religion*—Bro. G. W. Harmon.

Agreed that this Association meet in its next Annual Session with the New Friendship Church, Forsyth county, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August 1871.

Appointed Elder H. Morton to preach the introductory sermon and J. H. Brooks his alternate.

Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes 500 in number, and that he have $10,00 for his service as clerk of this Association.

The Committee on Finance reported $28 02. Ballance in hand of Treasurer, $1 63,———$29 65.

Resolved that this association return thanks to the bretheren, neighbors and friends for the very hospitable manner in which they supported it during its session.

On motion adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed. Prayer by the Moderator. Benediction by Elder Brooks.

WM. TURNER, MODERATOR,

J. H. OWEN, *Clerk.*

PROCEEDINGS OF

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

The Sunday School Convention of the Liberty Association, met according to adjournment.

In the absence of the President the chair was filled by Vice President Turner, and brother J. H. Owen was requested to act as Secretary.

Delegates were present from the following Churches.

Abbott's Creek, John Teague, D. Brown, N. W. Beeson and M. Teague.

High Point, G. G. Burns, A. C. Jones, and J. L. Pleasant.

New Friendship, P. E. Leight.

A genial invitation was given to all persons from the different churches to take seats and participate in the deliberations.

The object of the Convention was explained by Elder J. H. Brooks.

On motion of brother John Teague the present Officers were continued.

On motion of Elder J. H. Brooks it was agreed that there be appointed by the Chair additional Vice Presidents, one for every two or three Churches.—The following were appointed. whose duty it is to see often the Sabbath School interest in their respective localities.

Lick Creek and Big Creek, W. R. Coggin ; Tom's Creek and Stoker's Chapel, A. P. Stoker ; Liberty and Marion, R. S Green; Jersey Settlement and Holloway's, John Prim; High Point and Thomasville, S. W. Howerton; Abbott's Creek and New Friendship, John Teague ; Pine Meeting House, Reed's Cross roads and Muddy Creek, P. Oliver.

Superintendents of the following schools gave encouraging accounts of their condition :

John Teague, of Abbott's Creek ; J. L. Pleasant, of High Point ; P. C. Leight of New Friendship ; John Barnes of Pine Meeting House. J. H. Mills, read a portion of Scripture accompanied by interesting remarks. On motion adjourned to meet with the Liberty Association in its next Session.

J. H. Owen, *Secretary, pro tem.*

W. M. TURNER, VICE PRES.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st.—Reading Church letters.
2nd.—Election of Moderator and Clerk.
3rd.—Appoint Committee on Finance.
4th.—Call on Correspondents and Delegates to Baptist State Convention to report.
6th.—Call on Committees to report.
7th.—Appoint Correspondents to Sister Associations, and Delegates to Baptist State Convention.
8th.—Appoint Committees on Temperance, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Education, Ministerial Support, State and Foreign Missions, Church Letters and State of Religion, to report at next annual session of this body.
9th.—Miscellaneous.
10th.—Appoint time and place for next Association.
11th.—Appoint some one to preach Introductory Sermon.
12th.—Appoint some one to Superintend the printing of the Minutes.
13th.—Adjournment.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,

Benjamin Lanier	New Market	N. C.
S. W. Howerton	Thomasville	"
Wm. Lambeth	Salisbury	"
John Snider	Hannersville	"
W. H. Hamner,	Lexington	"
A. Yarbrough	"	"
A. P. Stoker	Salem Church	"
W. N. Herriford	Weut Worth	"
W. N. Thayer	Sanders Hill	"
H. Morton	Gold Hill	"

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S ADDRESS.	CLERKS.	CLERKS ADDRESS.	Baptized.	Rec by Let	Restored.	Dis by lett	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Funds.	Ch m'tings
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	H. Morton,	Gold Hill,	W. P. Redwine,	Healing Springs,	17	3	2	10	6	2	131	9	140	3 20	4
Jersey Settlement,	"	Wm. Turner,	Salem,	James Wiseman,	Linnwood,	15			14	3	7			283	3 30	1
Abbott's Creek,	"	J. B. Richardson,	Abbott's Creek,	John Teague,	Abbott's Creek,				2	2		90	3	93	1 15	3
Tom's Creek,	"	A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church,	Henry Shuts,	Salem Church,	7	1	1		2		46	3	49	2 40	2
High Point,	Guilford.	J. B. Richardson,	Abbotts Creek,	John Teague	Abbott's Church,				2	2		90	3	93	1 15	3
Liberty,	Davidson,	W. N. Thayer,	Sanders Hill,	W. Parrish,	Hannersville,	11			2			46	3	49	2 00	2
Holloway's,	Davidson,	P. Oliver,	Lexington,	Charles Smith,	Lexington,	16			4	5	4	96	12	108	1 82	3
New Friendship,	Forsyth,	F. H. Jones,	Anderson's Store,	Wm. Turner,	Salem,	1	1		4	1	2	126	4	130	2 75	1
Big Creek	Montgomery,	H. Morton,	Gold Hill,	M. Davis,	Burney's Mills	3		1	3			36	1	37	1 25	3
Pine M. House,	Davidson,	C. W. Bessent,	Jerusalem,	H. A. Clement	Lexington,	1		1	4	1		33		33	1 85	4
Reeds ⋈ Roads,	"	P. Oliver,	Lexington,	J. H. Owen,	Lexington,			1	2	4		62	2	64	2 10	2
Marion,	"	W. H. Hamner,	"	R. S. Green,	"	7	2					23	4	27	1 50	2
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Not represented,														
Thomasville,	Davidson,	P. H. Fontaine,	Greensboro'	W. E. Jones,	Thomasville,				4			14		14	1 50	3
Muddy Creek.	"	P. Oliver,	Lexington,	David Essex,	Clemmonsville,	1			5	5	1	42	3	45	1 10	4
Stoker's Chapel,	Montgomery,		Not represented,											18		
						85	8	6	54	29	16	807	16	1214	28 02	

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PROCEEDINGS.

NEW FRIENDSHIP, FORSYTH COUNTY, N. C.

By request, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Dr. W. M. Wingate, from II Corinthians, III—12.

"Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men."

Prayer, Elder Morton leading.

After intermission and refreshments, the opening service was conducted by former Moderator. Prayer by Elder C. W. Bessent.

Letters read by former Clerk, which represented the following delegation:

Lick Creek.—Brn. W. P. Redwine, J. H. Daniel and Thomas Carrick.
Jersey Settlement.—G. W. Smith and J. H. Maley.
Abbott's Creek.—R. Q. A. Teague and John Teague.
Tom's Creek.—James Riley, Henry Sheets and Andrew Buie.
High Point.—A. C. Jones, J. L. Pleasant and M. M. Welch.
Liberty.—F. Lumsden, B. Lanier, Jr., and J. T. Hepler.
Holloway's.—J. M. Prim.
New Friendship.—Alexander Delap, Wm. M. Philips and C. A. Rominger.
Big Creek.—Lockey Henderson and Lewis Henderson.
Pine Meeting House.—Wm. H. Simeson and Lewis Barnes.
Reed's Cross Roads.—Alfred Wood, D. C. Craver and J. H. Owen.
Marion.—Peter Lopp, D. A. Jinkins and R. S. Green.
Thomasville.—E. H. Davis, W. E. Jones and Charles Sugs.
Muddy Creek.—C. A. Brindle, Benjamin Doty and E. P. Mullican.

On motion of brother John Teague, the former Moderator, Elder Wm. Turner, and Clerk, brother J. H. Owen, were re-elected by acclamation.

An invitation was given to Churches desiring to unite with this Association: A petition from a newly constituted Church at Pierce's Chapel, was handed in accompanied with letter, delegates and a synopsis of their faith and practice, after which the church was received and their delegates, to wit:—Farly Cody, S. W. Lanier and J. T. Loflin, enrolled.

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The Moderator then gave an invitation to correspondents and visitors, which was accepted by Dr. Wm. M. Wingate, President of Wake Forest College; Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Elder Enoch Crutchfield, of the Sandy Creek Association; Elder W. M. Bostick, of Pee Dee; Elder C. W. Bessent and brn. Henry Hart, Joseph Hart and E. L. Parker from the Yadkin Association; Elders P. Oliver, R. Gourley, and brn. G. J. Guthrie and T. J. Valentine, of the Beulah.

Correspondents to sister Associations called on to report:—Brother John Teague attended the Yadkin; brother A. C. Jones and Elder J. H. Brooks, the Sandy Creek; and brother Jesse Park the Rocky River. Brother J. L. Pleasant attended the Baptist State Convention, and gave an interesting account of the pleasure with which he visited that body and participated in its deliberations.

A Committee of Finance, consisting of brn. E. H. Davis and G. W. Charles was then appointed.

On motion, the Moderator appointed Bro. R. Q. A. Teague on Sabbath Schools, to fill the place of the committee appointed last year, and Bro. E. H. Davis on Ministerial support.

The pastor, delegates and deacons of New Friendship church were, on motion, appointed to arrange religious service during the meeting.

Adjourned to meet in mass meeting with the Sabbath School Convention on Sabbath morning, 9 o'clock.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SUNDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The brethren and friends of the Sabbath School Convention met in mass meeting and were addressed by Elder J. H. Brooks, after which, on motion, it was agreed to transfer the business of the Sabbath School Convention to the Churches, with a request that they make annual reports to the Association through their delegates.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock:

The hour for preaching having arrived, Dr. Wingate preached in the house from Luke 14th:-23rd; and Elder W. M. Bostick, at the stand, from Acts 17th:-31st. Collection for Yates' Chapel amounting to $25 50.

After an intermission and refreshments,

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By request of the Baptist Church at New Friendship, Forsyth County, N. C., Bro. G. W. Harman was examined and regularly ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry.

WM. TURNER, *Moderator*,
J. B. RICHARDSON, *Sec'y*,
ENOCH CRUTCHFIELD,
J. H. BROOKS,
W. M. BOSTICK,
} *Presbytery.*

After the close of the ordination exercises, Elder J. D. Hufham preached at the stand, from Luke 23 : 42-43. Prayer, Elder R. Gourley leading.

Benediction.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Sabbath School Convention again met in mass meeting and was addressed by Dr. Wingate, Elder J. D. Hufham and Brother J. H. Mills, after which the meeting adjourned to give way to the business of the Association.

The Moderator then read the 8th Psalm, and sang hymn 79. Prayer, Elder J. B. Richardson leading.

On motion of brother J. L. Pleasant, the proceedings of Saturday were read, and the roll of delegates called.

On motion of brother John Teague, it was agreed to consider the inquiry of Tom's Creek Church, why the word "adoption" was left out of the minutes. After some discussion, on motion, the question was laid on the table for want of information as to the import of the question. Also an inquiry was suggested by a clause inserted in the letter from the church at Pine-Meeting House respecting the propriety of receiving into our fellowship persons baptized by our Anti-missionary brethren, but for want of proper definiteness, it was also tabled.

On motion, it was agreed that the Sabbath School interest hereafter be reported in the church letters.

The case of the church at Salisbury came up. Elder A. Yarbrough and brother J. H. Owen made statements to the import that there were only some ten or twelve sisters there, and perhaps one male member ; that they desired the Association to do whatever it could to send them a preacher.

Brother W. P. Redwine moved to drop the name from our minutes, but after consideration, withdrew it.

Brother J. H. Mills desires to have appointed a committee

to co-operate with the corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board to secure the appointment of some one to preach at that place.

On motion, at the request of Elder J. D. Hufham, the committee on Church Letters and State of Religion, read the following

REPORT ON STATE OF RELICION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I am happy to learn that the Lord has been among his people within the bounds of this Association to bless their labors. Since our last meeting some of the churches have had very interesting meetings and many hopeful converts have been added to them, and are now laboring in the vineyard of the Lord. We can but hope also, that some at least of our churches are awaking to the importance of Sunday Schools and missionary operations. But while we have been blessed of God with the outpouring of his spirit, and many have been brought into the fold of Jesus, and while something is being done in the way of Sunday Schools, missionary work, and in various ways, yet we can not shut our eyes to the fact that there is a pressing necessity for renewed diligence in the cause of the Master. Alarming destitution prevails in some portions of our Association. Many do not hear the gospel preached in its simplicity and purity. Broad fields of usefulness open up all around us, yet how few of us are laboring as we should. Souls are actually starving in the midst of the Liberty Association, and what little haste do we make in supplying their wants!

It is to be feared too, that there are many of those who profess to follow Christ, wanting in personal piety, unfeigned love, ardent devotion and entire consecration to the cause of our Lord. Too many of us fall far short of being such as those who were first called christians. But if we have wandered, let us retrace our steps, turn our feet again to the testimonies of the Lord, dedicate ourselves anew to his service, and work and live as we have never done in the past. And if we thus do, we have every reason to believe that the blessings of God will attend us, and the ways of Zion shall prosper.

G. W. HARMAN.

Elder J. B. Richardson stated that it is desirable and in contemplation to build a house of worship at Greensboro, urged

the necessity in an earnest appeal for the same, and solicited contributions for the same. Elder J. D. Hufham then addressed the Association in an earnest appeal in behalf of the Board of Missions, and a collection was taken up.

On motion called off half hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The question on the adoption of the report on Church letters again taken up: Elder J. D. Hufham again addressed the Association, insisting on the necessity of at once commencing missionary labors either by co-operating with the State Board or our own means. After which the report was adopted.

Elder J. D. Hufham then offered the following:

Moved, that a committee of five, including the Moderator, be appointed to co-operate with the Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, in recommending suitable men for appointment as missionaries, selecting fields for them and aiding in sustaining them.

After some remarks, the motion was carried, and the following brethren appointed, to-wit:—A. C. Jones, R. Q. A. Teague, G. W. Smith and Alexander Delap.

Elder G. W. Harman read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

What is the christian's duty in relation to the use of ardent spirits? This is a question of utmost importance. It is conceded that intemperance is a powerful and wide-spread evil.—Its ravages are seen in the public councils, as well as in the private circle, and felt in all grades of society. Can we cry down drunkenness, and still favor a practice which unavoidably leads to that vice? Can we consistently condemn drunkenness and yet tolerate moderate drinking? As long as moderate drinking is fashionable, drunkenness will prevail; and who can tell precisely where one stops, and the other begins? All the feelings, excited by the use of this article, whether it be moderate or excessive, are directly in opposition to the spirit of christianity. While the feelings are under the control of alcohol, the life and vigor of Christianity are either extinct, or they shine with so dim a light, as not to be recognized as the light of the world. Your reporter would recommend that every christian pause and reflect; and with due regard

to the interest of his fellowmen, ask himself the question :— What is my duty in reference to this dangerous habit ?

J. H. BROOKS.

Which, after some remarks by Elder Enoch Crutchfield, was adopted.

Brother J. L. Pleasant then read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Our efforts, as a body of christians, are certainly very much impeded for want of a more thorough acquaintance with each other. We too often lose our energy in the Divine Service, and our love, both to the brethren and to God, grows cold for want of this acquaintance. And we do earnestly insist on the brethren of this association, who have hitherto failed to take the *Biblical Recorder*, to do so at once : for the voice of the churches is heard, and comes to us mainly through this medium. It is well worthy. It is a good investment. *It is our duty.*

We also recommend the *Home & Foreign Journal*, for it is a source of knowledge and much comfort to those who feel interested in the Mission work. And there are numerous Sunday school papers also, which would edify and stimulate us in the Sunday school work—such as *Kind Words, Young Reaper, &c.*

Dear brethren, let us arouse ourselves and awake to the light and knowledge which surrounds us.

J. L. PLEASANT.

The editor of the *Biblical Recorder* made some remarks respecting the claims, character and condition of the paper.— Elders Richardson and Oliver also offered brief remarks, and the report was adopted.

Elder Oliver then read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committtee regrets very much having to report Baptist parents, as a general thing, asleep to the great interest of those whom God has given them, and commanded to train in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. O that parents did but truly view the responsibilities resting upon them as parents.

They, according to the Bible, train those precious little jew-

els whom God has given them, either for weal or woe. Can many parents believe the truth as it is, that they are training their dear little boys and girls for the world of woe? Could they believe this solemn truth as it is, surely no father or mother would be absent at Sunday school.

Then we would advise parents not to send their children to Sunday school, but go and take them and thus obey the Master of the great work, who assures them that children thus trained, will not, when they become old, depart from it.

Adopted without remarks. R. Q. A. TEAGUE.

Elder J. D. Hufham read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is needless in a report like this to remind parents of their duty to educate their children. It is admitted that all ought to educate as far as they can.

It gives us pleasure to say, that there are in the State Baptist schools, both male and female, of the highest order. In them our children can receive the best mental culture, without danger of receiving improper religious bias.

Wake Forest College, for nearly forty years, has been doing a noble work in the cause of education. It has risen with renewed strength and hopes from the embarrassments of the late war. Through the club-house system of boarding its advantages are placed within easy reach of most young men who wish to enjoy them.

We need to pay special attention now to the subject of ministerial education. The times demand this.

We would commend the prayerful consideration of the churches to the claims of the young brethren who are pursuing their studies at Wake Forest College and would recommend that liberal contribution be made for their support.

S. W. HOWERTON.

Dr. Wingate, President of Wake Forest College, gave an interesting sketch of the character and claims of the College.—The advantages of the Club-House system, the manner of conducting it, &c.

By request, the Moderator gave a brief but lucid account of his visit to the place, his cordial reception, and the many and pleasing advantages of acquiring a complete education at that place.

Elder Hufham added remarks corroberative of all that has been said of that renowned institution of learning.

After which the report was adopted.

Appointed the next Association to be held with the Baptist Church at Holloway's, Davidson County, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1872. Elder Wm. Turner to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder H. Morton his alternate.

On motion, it was agreed that any person or persons belonging to this Association attending other Associations with whom we correspond, be requested to report themselves as correspondents.

The following brethren were then appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to-wit: J. L. Pleasant, W. P. Redwine, Dr. C. J. Wadkins, and N. W. Beason.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Temperance.—Elder G. W. Harman.

Periodicals.—Elder J. H. Brooks.

Sabbath Schools.—Brother J. M. Prim.

Ministerial Support.—Brother A. C. Jones.

Church Letters and State of Religion.—Brother W. P. Redwine.

The committee of Finance reported; Report received and committee discharged, (see statistical table.)

The Clerk, as Treasurer, reported that

The amount received as Minute funds last year was - - -	$29 65
and the cost of Minutes, including expressage, postage, Clerk's fee, &c., was - - - - - - -	30 75
Leaving due - - - - - - - - - -	$1 10

which amount was made up by the Association.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, 500 in number, to be distributed according to contributions, and that he be allowed $10 00 for his service.

The Association then voted a vote of thanks, expressive of the very high appreciation of the kind reception and hospital entertainment received at the hands of the brethren, friends and neighbors of this and surrounding vicinity.

Adjourned.

WM. TURNER, *Moderator.*

J. H. OWEN, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	P.O. nearest Ch.	Baptized	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	White Males	White Females	Colored Males	Colored Females	Total	Church Meetings	Funds. Education	State Missions.	For'n Missions	Minutes	No. in S. Schools
Lick Creek	Davidson	H. Morton	Healing Springs,	8			3		2	42	92	2	7	143	4				$3 10	60
Jersey Settlement	"	Wm. Turner	Linwood				12	4	7	33	70	76	91	270	1				3 25	30
Abbott's Creek	"	G. W. Harman	Abbott's Creek	41	1	1	3		1	45	75	7	5	132	3				3 20	40
Tom's Creek	"	A. P. Stoker	Salem Church	9	2		20	1		12	25	1	1	39	2				1 50	
High Point	Guilford	J. B. Richardson,	High Point	7	1				1	9	25		3	37	4	$4 55	$4 00	$3 00	2 00	
Liberty	Davidson	W. N. Thayer	Hannersville	16			1	1	2	27	59		2	88	4				1 50	34
Holloway's	"	P. Oliver	Cotton Grove	5				3	3	21	86	3	8	118	3				3 00	
New Friendship	Forsyth	Wm. Turner	Salem	2	1		4	1		125		3		*128	5				4 15	
Big Creek	Montgomery	H. Morton	Burney's Mills	5		1				14	28		1	43	3				1 35	
Pine M. House	Davidson	C. W. Bessent	Lexington	5	1		1	1		16	21			37	4			4 00	2 00	
Reed's ⋈ Roads	"	P. Oliver	"				2		3	20	37	1	1	59	2				1 25	30
Marion	"	W. H. Hamner	"						2	10	11	1	2	24	2				1 75	46
Salisbury	Rowan,	Not Represented.																		
Thomasville	Davidson	F. M. Jordan		6	1					*21				21					2 00	
Muddy Creek	"	P. Oliver	Clemmonsville	8				3	2	16	32		1	49	1				1 25	
Stoker's Chapel	Montgomery	Not Represented.																		
Pierce's Chapel	Randolph		Jackson's Creek	19						18	20			38					1 50	
				131	7	2	46	14	23	429	581	94	122	1226		$4 55	$4 00	$7 00	$32 80	240

*Males and female in same column.

Some churches did not report the number in Sunday Schools.

List of Ordained Ministers.

Benjamin Lanier,	New Market,	N. C.
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	"
G. W. Harman,	"	"
S. W. Howerton,	Thomasville,	"
J. H. Brooks,	"	"
W. H. Hamner,	Lexington,	"
Aaron Yarbrough,	"	"
Wm. Lambeth,	Salisbury,	"
A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church,	"
W. N. Thayer,	Sander's Hill,	"
H. Morton,	Gold Hill,	"
John Snider,	Hannersville,	"

Order of Business.

1. Reading Church Letters.
2. Election of Moderator and Clerk,
3. Appointment of Committee of Finance.
4. Call on Correspondents and Delegates to Baptist State Convention to report.
5. Call on Committees to report.
6. Appointment of Correspondents and Delegates to Baptist State Convention.
7. Appointment of Committees on Temperance, Periodicals, Sabbath Schools, Education, Ministerial Support, State and Foreign Missions, Church Letters and State of Religion, to report at the next annual session of this body.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Appointment of time and place for next Association.
10. Appointment of some one to preach Introductory Sermon.
11. Appointment of some one to superintend the printing of the minutes.
12. Adjournment.

Wake Forest College.

The Annual Session begins September 15th and closes on the 4th Thursday in June.

Expenses in Currency.

Tuition per Term of Five Months,	$35 00
Board (without lodging) per week,	2 50 to 3 00
" (with lodging,) " "	3 00 to 3 50
" in "Clubs" (without lodging,) per week,	1 50 to 2 00
Room-Rent and Servant-Hire, each, " "	15

Washing, Fuel and Lights at moderate rates.

Education of Ministers.

The faculty are authorized to receive candidates for the Christian Ministry without charge for tuition, provided they shall be recommended by some ecclesiastical authority.

The Education Board of the Baptist State Convention afford further pecuniary aid to indigent young men, who furnish satisfactory testimonials of character and fitness for the work of the Ministry.

If any student shall accept either of the above gratuities, and shall afterwards abandon the ministry, the tuition fees, and the pecuniary aid extended, shall be held as debts due respectively to the College, and to the Board of Education.

For Catalogue of Institution, address,

W. M. WINGATE, President.

Forestville, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

HOLLOWAY'S CHURCH, DAVIDSON CO., N. C.,
August 22d, 1872, 11:30 A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. Morton, from Matt. 5th chap., 16 verse, "Let your light so shine," &c.

Prayer by Elder J. B. Richardson.

The body then took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the absence of the Moderator and Clerk, Elder P. Oliver proposed that the Association proceed to elect a moderator and clerk *pro tem.*

On motion, Elder J. H. Brooks was elected Moderator and Bro. J. L. Pleasant Clerk.

Elder J. H. Brooks read 17th chap. John, made a few appropriate remarks and then called on Elder H. H. Hamner, who lead in prayer.

The church letters were then called for in the following order:

Lick Creek.—Peter Cross, Joseph Carrick and Henry Crook.

Jersey Settlement.—Matthias Long, G. W. Smith and G. W. Palmer.

Abbott's Creek.—Wm. Spurgin, Henry V. Traynham and G. W. Charles.

Tom's Creek.—Sampson Newsom, Andrew J. Buie and John Gibson.

High Point.—D. Hazleton, A. C. Jones and J. L. Pleasant.

Liberty.—J. T. Helper, H. Eastor and B. F. Copple.

Holloway's.—John M. Prim, Samuel Beeker and D. H. Cross.

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New Friendship.—E. A. Rominger, W. W. Phillips and C. A. Rominger.

Big Creek.—E. M. Reevis, Alexander Henderson and M. Davis.

Pine Meeting House.—Lewis Lamb and H. A. Clement.

Reeds' ⋈ Roads.—R. B. Myers and L. P. Craver.

Marion.—Peter Lopp, J. R. Lopp and R. S. Green.

Thomasville.—Elder J. H. Brooks, Charles Pope and W. E. Jones.

Muddy Creek.—David Essex.

Pierce's Chapel.—Richard Snider.

The Association then proceeded to the regular election of Moderator and Clerk. A. C. Jones and G. W. Smith were appointed tellers, who reported Elder J. H. Brooks as Moderator and J. L. Pleasant, Clerk.

Elder Brooks made some very appropriate remarks, acknowledging the distinction the brethren had conferred upon him, and briefly stating the objects of the Association, and asked their prayerful co-operation.

Invitation was then given for delegates from new churches, but none reported.

An invitation was also extended to ministers and brethren from corresponding Associations. Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, and Elders J. B. Richardson and P. Oliver, and Bro. E. W. Marshal, from the Beulah, reported and were cordially received by the chair and invited to porticipate in the discussions of the body.

Reports from brethren appointed to correspond with other Associations were called for. Elder H. Morton attended the Rock River.

The chair then appointed the following committees:

On Finance.—G. W. Charles and Matthew Davis.

Religious Exercises.—Pastors, Deacons and Delegates of Holloway's Church.

On Missions.—Elders Hamner and Morton.

On Church Extension.—Elders J. B. Richardson and J. D. Hufham.

On Education.—Elders W. H. Hamner and J. D. Hufham.

Correspondents to Baptist State Convention were called on to report. Elder J. H. Brooks, Bro. J. L. Pleasant and others reported.

On motion the Association adjourned. Prayer by Elder Brooks.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 23d, 1872.

The Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator read 5th Romans, using Hymn 511, "Oh for a faith that will not shrink." Prayer, Bro. Yarbrough leading.

The Moderator then addressed the Association for a short time, and in conclusion earnestly requested good order and a courteous discussion.

On motion, the Constitution and Rules of Order were read.

Elder J. B. Richardson stated that by the request of several brethren he would propose that there be no preaching at the stand to-day, and that the entire congregation, and especially the ladies, be invited to attend the Association.

On motion of Bro. A. C. Jones, the proposition was carried.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

On motion, Elder H. Morton was appointed to report on Temperance at this session.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and after lengthy and able discussions by Elders J. D. Hufham, P. Oliver, J. B. Richardson and J. H. Brooks, was adopted.

On motion, the Association took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order and the report on Periodicals was read; and after an able vindication of our own denominational paper (the *Biblical Recorder*) by Elders J. H.

Brooks, P. Oliver and J. B. Richardson, the report was adopted.

The report on Church Extension was next called, and after remarks by the chairman, J. B. Richardson, as to the importance of having suitable church houses in Lexington, Salisbury, Winston and other places, he urged more particularly the *great need* of the Greensboro' church *just now.* [And just here the business of the Association was suspended to take up a collection for the Greensboro' church, which amounted to $19 50.] The report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Support was read, and Elder J. D. Hufham urged by *pungent scriptural* argument the *duty* of supporting our ministers. Report adopted.

The report on Education was read. Moderator Brooks made an interesting and instructive speech, followed by Elders H. Morton and J. D. Hufham. Report adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder J. H. Brooks would preach at the church to-night and Elder J. B. Richardson at Silver Hill (two miles distant.)

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Elder Morton.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 24th, 1872.

Moderator Brooks read Heb. 1st chap., using hymn 922.

Prayer by Elder Oliver.

An invitation being extended to corresponding brethren, Dr. H. B. Marley accepted, from the Raleigh Association.

The Report on Temperance was taken up and discussed by Elders Brooks, Hufham, Richardson, Oliver and Bro. J. L. Pleasant, and the report adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that the hour of 11 had arrived, and the Moderator announced that Elder J. D. Hufham would preach at the stand.

The report of the Committee on Church Letters and State

of Religion was read and after remarks by Elder Oliver, was adopted.

The Finance Committee submitted their report which was adopted. (See report).

On motion the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services, and instructed to print as many minutes of the Association as funds would allow and distribute to the churches in proportion to the amount sent up.

The Moderator next proceeded to appoint delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to convene at Fayetteville, viz:

G. W. Smith, P. Oliver, J. L. Pleasant, E. H. Davis, W. P. Redwine, Wm. Turner, E. Allison, J. H. Brooks, J. M. Prim and H. V. Traynham.

The following appointments to sister Associations were made:

Rocky River.—W. P. Redwine and H. Morton.

Pee Dee.—M. Davis and E. H. Davis.

Beulah.—W. Turner, C. A. Rominger and W. W. Phillips.

Yadkin.—David Essix.

Sandy Creek.—J. H. Brooks and A. C. Jones.

The following committees were appointed to report next year:

On Temperance.—J. H. Owen.

On Church Extension.—P. Oliver.

On Missions.—G. W. Smith.

On Periodicals.—G. W. Harmon.

Sabbath Schools.—H. Morton.

Ministerial Support.—J. L. Pleasant.

Education.—J. B. Richardson.

State of Religion.—Elder Wm. Turner.

On motion a committee of three were appointed to revise the Constitution and Rules of Order and report at the next session, viz: J. H. Brooks, J. L. Pleasant and E. Allison.

On motion the churches were requested to report, in their letters to the Association, how much they pay their pastors and how often.

On motion ministers and deacons were requested to organize

minters' and deacons' meetings, to convene on fifth Sundays and and Fridays before, inclusive.

On motion (after considerable discussion) it was decided to hold the first Union Meeting with the Church at Reeds' ⋈ Roads.

On motion, after strong solicitation from High Point, Muddy Creek and Lick Creek Churches, it was agreed to hold the next session of this body with Lick Creek Church, commencing Thursday before fourth Lord's day in August, 1873.

Adjourned for one hour.

Afternoon Session.

The Moderator announced that the hour of business had arrived and received Bro. Jno. F. Hodge as correspondent from Rock River.

The Committee on Religious Exercises gave notice that Elder Morton would now preach at the stand.

On motion Elder Wm. Turner was chosen (by ballot) to preach the introductory sermon at the next session, and Elder E. Allison his alternate.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read and after remarks by Hamner, Huf ham, Brooks and Oliver, and collection amounting to $9 35, it was adopted.

The Committee appointed last year to co-operate with the State Mission Board submitted a verbal report, which was received, and on motion the committee continued, viz: Elder Wm. Turner, and brethren A. C. Jones and G. W. Smith.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the brethren and friends of Holloway's Church and vicinity for the kind and liberal entertainment given this body.

The Moderator selected hymn 105, of the Supplement, "Hail, sweetest, dearest tie," &c.

Prayer by Elder Huf ham.

Thus closed a most harmonious and delightful session of the Liberty Association.

J. H. BROOKS, *Moderator.*

J. L. Pleasant, *Clerk.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are happy that there is an increased interest manifested in behalf of the Sabbath work. But we regret to know that there are yet many Baptists within the bounds of our Association who seem to be asleep to the importance of training up their little ones in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The youthful mind should be stored with religious knowledge. We would therefore urge the importance of a Sabbath School, not only in every church, but in every neighborhood. Let Baptists bestir themselves and inculcate those religious truths that we hold to be pure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PRIM.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The space allowed for our report being necessarily short, a mere recommendation is all that your Committee on Periodicals will now attempt. We consider the *Biblical Recorder* worthy of the patronage of the entire Baptist denomination. It is the exponent of the doctrines and principles which we hold dear and sacred. The Editor, we believe, is sound in the faith If we would progress in the knowledge of religious truth, become strong in the virtues taught in the Bible, and grow in grace and in wisdom we must have the aid of periodical religious literature. This is necessary to a proper and correct understanding of the Scriptures. The Bible itself is the Great Light, but a religious journal, edited by a man of a clear head and strong nerve, whose heart is burning with the love of God, and whose judgment and feelings are all enlisted in the cause of the church, is a powerful auxiliary to direct us

how to walk by that light. We should feel an interest in the success of all properly conducted religious journals, but our home paper should be *first* in our affections. We therefore earnestly recommend to the Baptists of this Association, and of the State generally, first the *Biblical Recorder*; second, *Home and Foreign Journal*; and third, *Kind Words.*

J. H. BROOKS.

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We need houses of worship at Salisbury, Lexington and many other places in our State, where the brethren are unable to build without assistance. And we would call your attention to the importance of adopting some plan whereby we may secure a united effort of the brethren in this great work. Our State Convention at its last session appointed a Church Extension Committee, and that committee has presented a plan which we commend to your consideration, hoping the churches may co-operate with said committee upon this or some other plan. We further commend to your aid and sympathies the Greensboro' Church, which has been endorsed by the Church Extension Committee.

J. B. RICHARDSON.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The Scriptures teach that they who preach the Gospel should live of the gospel; that those who minister in spiritual things should receive a liberal and hearty support as to temporal things from those to whom they minister. This support includes such provision for the comfort of the pastor and his family as will release them from the necessity of toiling with their own hands for the means of living, and from all anxious

care about these matters. It should also include the means of purchasing books, that the pastor may be not only a man of study, but also thoroughly furnished for the warfare in which he is engaged. Thus the Scriptures teach. It is sad to think how far most of our churches fall below these teachings. It becomes us to examine this whole matter afresh, and to reform our practice.

A. C. JONES.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The times call on us more loudly than ever to educate our children. Having given them a thorough training and a good store of knowledge, we have fitted them for the largest measure of success and usefulness here and of happiness hereafter. To educate there must be schools. We take pleasure in stating that as a denomination we are furnished with a sufficient number of first class seminaries for both males and females. The schools at Raleigh and Murfreesboro' offer ample facilities for the education of young ladies. Wake Forest College invites our young men all over the State to enter and enjoy the advantages placed within their reach by the wise foresight and christian liberality of our Baptist fathers. We would call special attention to the importance of educating our young ministers. The churches should see to it that all of them are enabled to take a course of study at our college before entering on their great work.

WM. H. HAMNER.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren: The cause of temperance is the cause of God. It is a theme upon which the Apostle frequently dwelt. For Paul reasoned upon temperance before Felix; and Peter admonished, to "give diligence to add to your faith knowledge,

and to knowledge temperance," &c., 2d Peter, 1st chapter and 6th verse. Temperance is the fruit of the spirit. For the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law, Gal. 5, 22, 23. Now if any man says he has the spirit of Christ, and is not a temperance man, he is deceived in himself; because the fruit of the spirit is temperance. But what is temperance? Temperance in drinking is opposed to drunkeness. How can a church be a temperance church when she tolerates drunkeness in her pales? How can a man be a temperance man who is frequently drinking to drunkenness? And how can a man have the spirit of Christ who bears not the fruit of the Spirit? Temperance is a christian evidence, for the fruit of the tree is a testimony of its character. If we see apples on the branches they testify that it is an apple tree. If we see temperance combined with the other graces, it testifies that the man is a christian, and when temperance is wanting the man has but a sad evidence that he is a christian. How can those men say that they are christians, who are frequently in tipling shops and such places so much under the influence of spirits, that they bring disgrace upon themselves as well as the cause they profess. Then let the evidence of temperance be seen among other fruits, and prove that you are christians in deed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MORTON.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Dear Brethren:—We find upon examination of the same that notwithstanding there has not been a great number of baptisms last year, yet the letters breathe a state of good things. But few of the churches complain of coldness, and a few have enjoyed a refreshing season from the presence of the Lord, and others, to a greater or less degree. The prospect is

comparatively cheering, and we hope the time to "favor Zion" has come. One beautiful feature in the letters is, that all are at peace and working harmoniously together. It is to be hoped that from this time all our churches will enjoy much of that peace bequeathed to the humble followers of the blessed Saviour.

We also notice that the churches, Muddy Creek, High Point and Lick Creek request that the next meeting of this body convene with them.

And we would suggest that one hour be set apart Sunday morning next, when special prayer may be offered for the blessing of Almighty God upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. REDWINE.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	State Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Education.	Ch. at Rome.	Total.
Lick Creek,	$ 2 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 2 55
Jersey Settlement,	2 30	$ 6 25	.....	.....	.....	9 55
Abbott's Creek,	2 55	5 00	.....	.....	.....	7 55
Tom's Creek,	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40
High Point,	1 50	3 40	$ 2 55	$ 3 00	.....	10 45
Liberty,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Holloway's,	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
New Friendship,	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Big Creek,	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
Pine Meeting House,	1 45	3 10	3 05	.....	.....	7 60
Reed's ⋈ Roads,	1 15	3 25	.....	.....	.....	4 40
Marion,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Muddy Creek,	1 20	.....	50	.....	.....	1 70
Thomasville,	1 75	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	7 75
Pierce's Chapel,	1 50		.....	.....	.....	1 50
	$27 10	$23 00	$ 8 10	$ 4 00	$ 1 00	$64 20

G. W. CHARLES.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

STATE MISSIONS.

We are rejoiced to know that the work of supplying the destitute portions of our own State with the preaching of the gospel has been carried on with vigor and success by our Convention since the last session of this body. During the year which closed on the 8th of November last, there have been seventeen missionaries in the field in different parts of the State, and more than twelve hundred persons have been baptised by them. Since that time the missionary force has been enlarged. With increased liberality towards this enterprise we might hope for larger results. It is a matter for regret that so few of the churches of this body have contributed to aid in this great work during the year just closed. We would commend the matter to their careful and prayerful consideration, and would hope that the coming year may witness a great change in this report.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God is blessing the labors of our brethren in foreign lands. At all the stations the preaching of the word is attended by large crowds of interested listeners and new fields are opening constantly. Let us by our liberality and our prayers aid our brethren who are laboring for the conversion of the heathen in foreign lands.

WM. H. HAMNER.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored Males.	Colored Females.	Total.	Church Meetings.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Minutes.	Sunday S. Scholars.
Lick Creek,	H. Morton,	Gold Hill.	4	2	1	2	1	1	45	95	1	6	147	4				$ 2 55	45
Jersey Settlement,	E. Allison,	Thomasville.	10	1		11	1	5	39	74	67	87	250	1		$6 25		2 30	39
Abbott's Creek,	Wm. Turner,	Salem.						1	45	74	7	4	130	3		5 00		2 55	
Tom's Creek,	A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church.	2						12	27	1	1	41	2				1 40	
High Point,	J.B.Richardson,	High Point.	1	8		2	1		13	26	1	3	42	4	$3 00	3 40	$2 55	1 50	30
Liberty,	E. Allison,	Thomasville.	11					1	31	66		2	99	3				2 00	41
Holloway's,	P. Oliver,	Little Yadkin.	27			1	2	1	32	101	3	8	146	3				3 00	
New Friendship,	Wm. Turner,	Salem.	11	2		5	3	2	43	84		2	129	1				2 50	
Big Creek,	H. Morton,	Gold Hill.	4				1		16	30		1	47	3				1 25	
Pine Meeting House,	E. Allison,	Thomasville.	9				1		17	28			45	4		3 10	3 05	1 45	
Reid's X Roads,	"	"	14	2				2	25	46	1	1	73	2		3 25		1 15	40
Marion,	W. H. Hamner,	Lexington.					1		10	10	1	2	23	2	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	
Thomasville,	F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro'.	4	8									34	3				1 75	41
Muddy Creek,	P. Oliver,	Little Yadkin.		1				1	18	30		1	49	1			50	1 20	
Pierce's Chapel,	Benj. Lanier,	Jackson's Creek.	12				1	1					47					1 50	
Stoker's Chapel,																			
			109	24	1	21	12	15	346	691	82	39	1302	36	$4 00	$23 00	$8 10	$27 10	236

LICENTIATES.

Wm. R. Coggin, Wm. S. Adderton, Thos. Carrick.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Benjamin Lanier,	New Market,	N. C.
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	"
G. W. Harman,	Salem,	"
J. H. Brooks,	Thomasville,	"
W. H. Hamner,	Lexington,	"
Aaron Yarbrough,	Lexington,	"
Wm. Lambeth,	Salisbury,	"
A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church,	"
W. N. Thayer,	Sanders' Hill,	"
H. Morton,	Gold Hill,	"
John Snider,	Hanersville,	"
Elijah Allison	————	"

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church letter.
2. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
3. Appointment of Committee on Finance.
4. Call on correspondents to Associations and delegates to Baptist State Convention to report.
5. Report of committees.
6. Appointment of correspondents to Associations and delegates to Baptist State Convention.
7. Appointment of Committees on Temperance, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, Education, Ministerial Support, State and Foreign Missions, Church Letters and State of Religion and Church Extension.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Appointment of time and place for next Association.
10. Appointment of some one to preach Introductory Sermon.
11. Appointment of some one to superintend the printing of the minutes.
12. Adjournment.

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PROCEEDINGS.

LICK CREEK CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,
August 22nd, 1873, 11 o'clock, A. M.

In consequence of the incessant rain and high waters the Association was unable to organize yesterday, according to previous appointment.

To-day, a quorum being present, Bro. W. P. Redwine moved that the Association proceed to organize.

The former officers being absent, the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk, *pro tem.*

On motion, Elder H. Morton was elected Moderator, and bro. Thos. Carrick, Clerk.

Elder H. Morton read 116th Psalm, sung the hymn

"Come let us join our souls to God,"

and then led in prayer.

The church letters were then called for in the following order:

Lick Creek.—James Adderton, Joseph Carrick and W. P. Redwine.
Jersey Settlement.—G. W. Palmer.
Abbott's Creek.—Not represented.
Tom's Creek.—Simeon Sheets, Sampson Newson and Henry Sheets.
High Point.—A. C. Jones.
Liberty.—H. Easter, A. Copple and H. D. Easter.
Holloway's.—W. F. Stoner, Enoch Briggs and D. H. Cross.
New Friendship.—Not represented.
Big Creek.—M. Davis and E. M. Reeves.
Pine Meeting-House.—John Watkins, R. S. Wilson and John Lomax.
Reed's ⋈ Roads.—R. B. Myers, A. C. Wood and J. H. Owen.
Marion.—Peter Lopp and J. R. Lopp.
Thomasville.—Charles Sugg, Charles Pope and A. R. Witherington.
Muddy Creek.—C. A. Brindle, William Doty and Jacob Cornish.
Pierce's Chapel.—Farley Cody.

The Association then proceeded to the regular election of Moderator and Clerk.

Elder J. D. Hufham and bro. J. F. Hodge were appointed to wait on the House, who reported Elder H. Morton, as Moderator, and Thos. Carrick, Clerk.

Elder Morton made some very appropriate remarks, returning his sincere thanks to the brethren for the honor bestowed, and asked a prayerful co-operation on the part of the brethren.

Invitation was then given for delegates from new churches, but none reported.

An invitation was also extended to ministers and brethren from corresponding Associations. Elder J. D. Hufham Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, and Bro. J. F. Hodge, from the Rocky River Association, reported and were cordially received by the Moderator, and invited to participate in the discussions of the body.

Reports from brethren appointed to correspond with other Associations were called for: Elder Wm. Turner and Bro. J. L. Pleasant attended the Beulah.

The Chair then appointed the following Committees:

On Finance.—M. Davis, A. C. Jones and Henry Sheets.
Religious Exercises.—Pastor, Deacons and Delegates of Lick Creek Church.
On Education.—Elder J. D. Hufham and Bro. J. H. Owen.
On Ministerial Support.—Henry Sheets and G. W. Palmer.
On Periodicals.—A. C. Jones and Thos. Carrick.
On Missions.—R. S. Wilson and Aaron Yarbrough.
On Church Letters and State of Religion.—W. F. Stoner and E. M. Reeves.

On motion, the Association took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that bro. J. F. Hodge would preach at the stand.

The report on Temperance was read; and after remarks by Thos. Carrick, Elders H. Morton and J. D. Hufham, the report was adopted.

The report on the revision of the Constitution and Rules of Order was called for and read by Elder J. D. Hufham.

Elder A. P. Stoker moved to amend the Constitution, as revised, by striking out the 12th Article, relative to the appointment of a Presbytery for the purpose of ordaining ministers, and the constituting of churches. After remarks by Elders Hufham, Yarbrough and others, the Constitution was adopted as amended.

On motion of bro. W. P. Redwine, the Rules of Order, as revised, were amended by adding that "No member shall speak more than twice on any question, unless by consent of the Association."

The Rules of Order as amended were adopted.

The following appointments to sister Associations were made:

Rocky River.—A. P. Stoker, W. R. Coggin, Henry Sheets and S. R. Coggin.
Pee Dee.—A. P. Stoker, M. Davis and E. M. Reeves.
Beulah.—Wm. Turner and J. L. Pleasant.
Yadkin.—Aaron Yarbrough and Peter Lopp.
Sandy Creek.—W. H. Hamner and B. Lanier, Jr.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Wm. Turner, Thos. Carrick and H. Morton.

The following Committees were appointed to report next year:

On Temperance.—Henry Sheets.
On Periodicals.—S. A. Roper.
On Sabbath Schools.—A. C. Jones.
On Education.—Thos. Carrick.
On Ministerial Support.—J. H. Owen.
On Missions.—G. W. Harman.
On Church Letters and State of Religion.—A. P. Stoker.
On Church Extension.—W. N. Thayer.

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The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder Aaron Yarbrough would preach at the church to-night.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23, 1873.

Moderator Morton read Matthew 7th chapter, using hymn 353. Prayer by Elder J. D. Hufham.

Churches not reporting yesterday, were requested to hand in their letters, upon which the letters from Marion and Thomasville were handed in and read.

On motion of Elder W. H. Hamner the Baptist Hymn Book was recommended to the churches of this Association.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to inquire why Stoker's Chapel does not represent itself in the Association: Elder A. P. Stoker, brethren Peter Riley and M. Davis.

The report on Missions was read, and after some very appropriate and instructive remarks by Elders W. H. Hamner and J. D. Hufham, a collection was taken up, which amounted to $16 07. The report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Support was read, and after remarks by bro. Henry Sheets and Elder W. H. Hamner, was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder A. P. Stoker would preach at the stand.

The report on Periodicals was read, and after remarks by Elder J. D. Hufham and others, was adopted.

On motion, after strong solicitation from High Point and Muddy Creek Churches, it was agreed to hold the next session of this body with Muddy Creek Church, commencing Friday before the fourth Lord's-Day in August, 1874.

On motion, the following Committee was appointed to revise the districts of the Association: J. H. Owen, Aaron Yarbrough and W. H. Hamner.

Adjourned for one hour.

Prayer, Elder W. H. Hamner leading.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The report on the revision of districts in the Association was read and adopted.

The report on Church Letters and State of Religion was read and adopted.

The report on Education was read, and after a very appropriate address by Elder J. D. Hufham, a collection was taken up in behalf of the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, which amounted to $6 00. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder W. H. Hamner would preach at the arbor.

The Finance Committee submitted their report, which was adopted.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted.

On motion, Elder Wm. Turner was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at the next session, and Elder J. B. Richardson his alternate.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services, and instructed to print as many Minutes of the Association as funds would allow, and distribute to the churches in proportion to the amount sent up.

On motion, a collection was taken up to meet the deficiency for printing Minutes last year: amount raised, five dollars.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association return its heart-felt thanks to the members of Lick Creek Church, and friends generally, for their hospitality during the term of this Association.

The Moderator selected hymn 1,146. Prayer by Elder Hufham.

Thus closed the fortieth annual Session of the Liberty Association.

H. MORTON, *Moderator.*

THOS. CARRICK, *Clerk.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The subject of Temperance again claims our attention, but for want of information, we are unable to report definitely what we are doing as a denomination, but judging from the information in our possession, we are driven to the unhappy conclusion that there are far too many of our brethren who still continue the use of intoxicating drinks themselves, and also give to others, considering, as they do, it a small matter to drink and give to others in moderation. Thus those who possess firmness ruin the young and less firm.

We are of the opinion that the moderate drinker does more to make drunkards than he whom we see wallowing in the dust. It is true society is doing much to advance the cause of temperance, but we, as church members, seem to be asleep, while according to information, there are scattered over our, might be happy country, 33,000 retail establishments selling spirituous liquors, having in their employment 390,000. Add to this number those employed in distilleries and you have 570,000 persons employed sending their fellow mortals to premature graves, sending to prison 100,000 annually, costing the government $40,000,000 per year, reducing to worse than orphanage, 200,000 children, sending 60,000 annually to drunkard's graves, making 600,000 drunkards.

And now, dear brethren, if these are not sufficient reasons why we should at once rise from our stupor, and attack boldly our

common enemy, let us earnestly desire and pray for the early approach of a period when men can rise to the dignity of self-mastery, and refuse indulgence to this improper desire, and hold the craving appetite ungratified, and say to the rising passion, "Peace be still."

J. H. OWEN.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Baptists have ever been earnest advocates for Missions. The foreign mission enterprise of modern times had its birth among the Baptists of England, and from them it came to their brethren in this country. Other denominations caught the flame and now almost all professing christians of whatever name, are engaged in the great work. This work in its relation to us is two-fold:

I. STATE MISSIONS.

For more than forty years our State Convention has been engaged in efforts to spread the truths of the Gospel in destitute parts of North Carolina. Very great success has attended their efforts. All over the State there are flourishing churches founded by the Missionaries sent out, and sustained by our Convention. Since your last session there have been more than thirty laborers in different parts of the field, and much good has been accomplished in the name of the Lord Jesus. It is matter for regret that the churches of this Association have done so little during the past year. Only two have sent up contributions for Home Missions to this meeting of your body. Surely this ought not so to be. We would earnestly urge the pastors to bring the claims of this enterprise before their churches and endeavor to enlist them more heartily into it.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This great work has peculiar claims on the Baptists. As has been said above, it had its birth in modern times among them. Surely they cannot afford to forsake or neglect it, least of all can they do it now. The work has been tried and found a success. God has set the seal of his blessing on it. Just now all our missionaries report that new fields are opening before them, and are calling for reinforcements. Will the churches respond? In this Association the spirit of foreign missions seems to have died out. Almost nothing has been done during the past year. Are we willing that this report should go out to brother Yates and the other faithful ones laboring in that far off land? Are we willing to meet our Maker and Judge with the record of the year now closing? His commission is: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Let us see that we do not fall short.

R. S. WILSON,
A. YARBROUGH.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The subject of ministerial support is one of great importance, and should claim the attention of every christian. The minister of God is often called upon to give much of his time to the work without just remuneration. Your committee believes it to be the indispensable duty of the churches to give more earnest heed to this important subject. The apostle tells us that they "which preach the gospel, should live of the gospel." Then let us become thoroughly aroused to a sense of our duty, and let us no more be found asleep. It is believed that there are many members of our churches who never think of contributing to their pastor; this should not be; we believe that every member, blessed with health, could do something in this direction. We think a great number of christians spend enough annually, in a foolish and improvident manner, to handsomely redeem the time of their pastor. Then let most of us become more economical, and lay up in store for the support of the gospel.

Finally brethren, let us do our whole duty as we have light to do so, and pray God to give us hearts willing to give; hoping that the Lord may prosper Zion and add many precious souls to the church, such as should be saved.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SHEETS.
G. W. PALMER.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have long since been convinced that the reading of religious literature is a matter of the first importance; therefore we would especially recommend every church member of this Association to take, read and extend the circulation of the *Biblical Recorder*. The *Recorder* is our own State paper, and it is like a faithful preacher of the gospel whose footsteps are not retarded by the summer's heat or the winter's chilling winds, but ever finds his way into the family circle to comfort the distressed and strengthen the weak. While we regret very much that bro. Mills has ceased to be the Editor of our paper, yet we feel thankful that his place is well supplied by our worthy bro. Redd, late graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. We think that with his mental and moral culture, he will send forth the *Recorder*, like an old sun arising with new splendor, deserving our careful perusal.

We would recommend our Sunday School workers to take and read *The Baptist Teacher* and *Kind Words*.

A. C. JONES.
THOS. CARRICK.

REPORT ON THE REVISION OF DISTRICTS.

No. 1.—Muddy Creek, New Friendship, Abbott's Creek, High Point and Thomasville.

No. 2.—Pine Meeting House, Jersey Settlement, Read's ⋈ Roads, Marion and Liberty.

No. 3.—Holloway's, Lick Creek, Big Creek, Tom's Creek and Pierce's Chapel.

J. H. OWEN.
AARON YARBROUGH.
W. H. HAMNER.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

So far as we can learn from the letters, the churches are enjoying internal peace and harmony. So far there is room for thankfulness and encouragement. Fifty-three have been added to the churches by baptism, during the current year. This is hardly enough to cover the losses by death, dismission and exclusion; so that there has been little numerical growth. But little has been done for benevolence. So far as the letters show anything, they show that there is but little of the missionary spirit among us. There is need of much prayerful humiliation, and heart-searching on the part of us all.

W. F. STONER,
E. M. REEVES.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Among the matters connected with the subject of education, immediately concerning us, may be enumerated the following:

THE ENDOWMENT OF WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

At the last session of the Baptist State Convention it was determined to raise, during the present year, one hundred thousand dollars, as an endowment fund for Wake Forest College. Thus far very commendable progress has been made in this great enterprise. We would commend it to the churches composing this body and urge them to take their part in this great movement of our day. Surely we cannot make a wiser investment of money than to put it at interest for the education of our young men under christian influence.

ON BENEFICIARIES.

The education of young men who are called of God to the gospel ministry is a matter which has long been very dear to many of the Baptists of the State. During the past year there have been twelve young men sustained by the liberality of the churches. Just now increased attention is called for in this department of our labors.—We would suggest that the pastors bring this matter before their churches and request them to send up contributions to the next session of your body.

J. H. OWEN.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath School is a benevolent institution. Its chief object is the study of the Bible, which is said to make men wise unto salvation; but there are many children like the Eunuch, who can read, but without some one to guide them, fail to get the understanding.

We furnish food and raiment for our children, but, alas! we often leave their tender minds to provide for themselves. Should not those who feel that they have been bought with a price, gather the children in every neighborhood, and expound unto them the way of God more perfectly. We find that many of our churches have no Sabbath Schools. Are there no children to be taught? Is there no one that can teach? Or is there no Sabbath? Brethren, let us consider the day in which we live, how different from our fathers? The evils of theirs we know not.

Respectfully submitted.

H. MORTON.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	MINUTES.	STATE MISS.	FOR. MISS.	EDUCATION.	TOTAL.
Lick Creek	$4 00	.....	.....	.....	$4 00
Jersey Settlement	3 50	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Tom's Creek	2 10	.....	.....	.....	2 10
High Point	4 00	$10 08	$4 57	$3 19	21 76
Liberty	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Holloway's	3 50	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Big Creek,	1 75	.....	.....	.....	1 75
Pine Meeting House	2 50	.....	1 35	.....	3 85
Read's ⋈ Roads	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Marion	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Muddy Creek	1 95	.....	.....	.....	1 95
Thomasville	2 50	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Pierce's Chapel	1 85	.....	.....	.....	1 85
	$34 15	$10 08	$5 92	$3 19	$52 33

M. DAVIS,
A. C. JONES,
HENRY SHEETS, } *Committee.*

REPORT ON THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

CONSTITUTION OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

1st. This Association shall be called the Liberty Baptist Association.

2nd. It shall be composed of the ordained ministers, who are members of, and those who may have Pastoral charges within the Associational district; and of three delegates from each church in the district aforesaid.

3rd. The said delegates before taking their seats shall produce letters from their respective churches, showing their appointment as delegates.

4th. The Associational session shall be held at least once a year.

5th. The officers shall be,—a Moderator and Clerk, and if deemed expedient by the Association, a Treasurer likewise.

6th. The Moderator shall be chosen annually, but the Clerk shall continue in office at the pleasure of the Association.

7th. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interest; but shall in no case presume to direct, or control them, in reference to their own government or internal polity.

8th. A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three members shall be appointed on the first day of each session, to prepare and report an order of proceeding; and to suggest topics proper for the consideration and action of the Association; and the said Committee shall report promptly on the morning of the second day of the Association.

9th. Baptist ministers, not members of the Association, who may be present at any session of the body, may, on invitation of the body, take seats and participate in the debates of the Association.

10th. At each session of the Association there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, whose duty it shall be to superintend, and in conjunction with the Missionary Boards of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, direct the Missionary operations of the Association.

11th. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

12th. This Constitution may be altered only at an annual session of this Association, and by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The Association shall meet punctually each day at the hour appointed, and on the appearance of a quorum, the Moderator shall cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2nd. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to decide all questions or points of order, subject to an appeal from his decision to the Association.

3rd. The Moderator shall be entitled to vote only in case of an equal devision of the Association.

4th. He shall not participate in debate except on points of order, unless by unanimous consent of the Association, or until he shall have called another member to the Chair.

5th. Members shall in debate, or on rising to make a motion, address themselves to the Moderator.

6th. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall designate the person who shall first occupy the floor.

7th. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Association without its leave.

8th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to amend, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand here arrayed.

9th. All Committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members only.

10th. A Committee shall be appointed on the first day of every session, to designate ministers to preach during the session of the Association.

11th. No motion shall be put to the Association by the Moderator, unless it receives a second.

12th. No rule of order shall be rescinded or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the body.

13th. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be made publicly in the Association, on the second day of every session.

14th. No member shall speak more than twice on any question unless by consent of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	White Males	White Females	Colored Males	Colored Females	Total	Church Meetings.	Contributions. Education	Sta. Missions	For. Missions	Minutes	S. S. Scholars
Lick Creek	H. Morton	Gold Hill	8	3	...	12	4	2	46	82	1	5	134	4	.....	.....	.....	$ 4 00	30
Jersey Settlement	Amos Weaver	Clayton	...	3	...	21	5	55	38	59	28	44	169	1	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....
Abbott's Creek	—— ——	—— ——																	
Tom's Creek	A. P. Stoker	Salem Church	11	...	1	2	...	...	16	33	...	1	50	2	.....	.....	.....	2 10	.....
High Point	J. B. Richardson.	High Point	8	5	...	...	...	...	16	33	...	4	53	4	$3 19	$10 8	$4 57	4 00	37
Liberty	B. Lanier	New Market	6	...	...	1	4	3	34	62	...	21	98	4	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....
Holloway's	H. Morton	Gold Hill	3	...	...	1	...	1	33	102	4	7	147	3	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....
New Friendship	—— ——	—— ——																	
Big Creek	James Jordan	Troy	4	...	...	2	1	...	16	31	....	1	48	2	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....
Pine Meeting House	E. Allison	Hickory Tavern	8	...	...	...	...	1	20	34	...	....	54	4	.....	.....	$1 35	1 50	40
Read's ⋈ Roads	"	"	10	2	...	1	1	1	31	49	...	....	80	2	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Marion	W. H. Hamner	Lexington	...	2	...	...	...	...	10	10	1	2	23	2	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
Thomasville	F. M. Jordan	Hillsboro	...	3	...	5	1	2	8	22	...	....	30	3	.....	.....	.....	2 50	30
Muddy Creek	P. Oliver	Little Yadkin	5	...	...	...	1	...	19	32	...	1	52	1	.....	.....	.....	1 95	.....
Pierce's Chapel	B. Lanier	New Market	3	...	...	...	1	...	20	31	...	....	51	3	.....	.....	.....	1 85	.....
Stoker's Chapel	—— ——	—— ——																	
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Licentiates.

W. R. Coggin, W. S. Adderton, Thos. Carrick and John Burrage.

Ordained Ministers.

Benjamin Lanier,	New Market,	N. C.
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	"
G. W. Harman,	"	"
W. H. Hamner,	Lexington,	"
Aaron Yarbrough,	"	"
Wm. Lambeth,	Salisbury,	"
A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church,	"
W. N. Thayer,	Sander's Hill,	"
H. Morton,	Gold Hill,	"
S. A. Roper,	Jackson Hill.	"

Order of Business.

1. Reading Church Letters.
2. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
3. Appointment of Committee on Finance.
4. Call on Correspondents to Associations and Delegates to Baptist State Convention to report.
5. Report of Committees.
6. Appointments of Correspondents to Associations and Delegates to Baptist State Convention.
7. Appointments of Committees on the various subjects claiming the attention of the Association.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Appointment of time and place for next Association.
10. Appointment of some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.
11. Appointment of some one to superintend the printing of the Minutes.
12. Adjournment.

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PROCEEDINGS.

MUDDY CREEK, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C., August 21st, 1874.

The Association convened at the time and place appointed.

In consequence of bad health, Elder Wm. Turner declined preaching the introductory sermon. The sermon was preached by Elder A. F. Redd, from the iv chapter of Matthew, on the subject of the temptation of Christ.

After a short intermission, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder H. Morton, by reading a portion of the xiv chapter of John, and singing the hymn, "Come let us join our friends above." Prayer by the Moderator.

The Church letters were then called for and the delegates were enrolled as follows:

DISTRICT NO. I.

Muddy Creek.—Wm. Doty, C. A. Brindle and Jacob Cornish.
New Friendship.—W. H. Shepperd, R. A. Wommack and T. Kimble.
Abbott's Creek.—William Clinard, George W. Charles and John Teague.
High Point.—D. Hazelton, Thos. Preston and A. C. Jones.
Thomasville.—Letter read, but delegates not present.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Pine Meeting House.—Henry Beck, John Barnes and Alexander Sharp.
Jersey Settlement.—David Smith, W. F. Miller and Jesse Maley.
Reed's Cross Roads.—Alfred Wood, L. P. Craver and H. M. Stockton.
Marion.—Peter Lopp, John Leonard and J. R. Lopp.
Liberty.—Henry Easter and B. F. Cople.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Holloway's.—W. F. Stoner, H. J. Palmer and Samuel Beeker.
Lick Creek.—J. H. Daniel, W. P. Redwine and Henry Crook.
Big Creek.—M. J. Leach and E. M. Reeves.
Tom's Creek.—Sampson Newsom, Henry Sheets and A. J. Buie.
Pierce's Chapel.—Farley Codey, Gilbert Miller and Nelson Snider.
Summerville.—John Bean and George Frank.

The Association proceeded to the regular election of Moderator.

Elders R. Gourley and P. Oliver were appointed to wait on the House, who reported Elder Wm. Turner elected.

Elder Turner took the Chair, after which he made some very appropriate and instructive remarks, stating that there

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were three very important objects that should claim our attention: 1st. That of preaching the Gospel; 2nd. The keeping up the statistics of our Association; 3rd. That we should work together as an advisory counsel, striving to do good.

An invitation was then given to churches that might desire to unite with this Association; upon which a letter was handed in from Summerville Church, asking admission into this Association.

On motion, a committee of seven was appointed to examine into the orthodoxy of the new church. The following brethren compose the committee: Elder H. Morton, brethren H. J. Palmer, John Teague, H. Sheets, David Smith, John Barnes and Elder W. H. Hamner.

On motion, the pastor, deacons and delegates of this church, were appointed as a Committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, an invitation was extended to correspondents and visiting ministers from sister Associations. The invitation was accepted by Elder R. Gourley, a correspondent from Beulah; by Elders A. F. Redd, the editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, John Redwine, and J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, as visiting ministers. All were welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed as a financial committee: bro. Wm. Clinard and Elder G. W. Harmon.

On motion, the following brethren, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed to prepare an order of business: Elder A. Yarbrough, brethren W. P. Redwine and T. Kimble.

On motion, the following committees were appointed to fill vacancies.

On Periodicals—Elder A. F. Redd.
On Ministerial Support.—Elder G. W. Harmon.
On Church Extension.—Elder J. D. Hufham.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that bro. Thos. Carrick would preach in the house to-night; Elder H. Morton at the stand, 10½ o'clock to-morrow morning; Elder G. W. Harmon at the stand to-morrow afternoon; and Elder R. Gourley in the house to-morrow night.

Delegates appointed to sister Associations reported as follows: Elder A. P. Stoker and bro. Henry Sheets attended the Rocky River; Elder A. P. Stoker and bro. M. Davis attended the Pee Dee; Elder Aaron Yarbrough and bro. Peter Lopp attended the Yadkin,—all reported a cordial reception and interesting meetings.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock, a. m., to-morrow.

Prayer,—Elder Hufham leading.

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SATURDAY MORNING, August 22, 1874.

Devotional Exercises at 8½ o'clock.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by bro. John Teague.

The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee on an order of proceeding reported. Report adopted and Committee continued.

The Constitution and Rules of Order were read.

Church letters not yet handed in were called for, upon which the letter from Tom's Creek was handed in and read.

The report on Education was read. After remarks were made by Elders A. F. Redd and J. D. Hufham, a collection was taken up in behalf of the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, which amounted to $19.35. Report adopted.

The report on Ministerial Support was read. Interesting remarks were made by Elders G. W. Harmon, J. D. Hufham, P. Oliver, and A. F. Redd. The report adopted.

The report on Periodicals was read. Instructive remarks were submitted by Elders A. F. Redd, P. Oliver and J. D. Hufham. The report was adopted.

On motion, the Association took a recess of one hour. Prayer by Elder W. H. Hamner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer, the Association again proceeded to business.

The report on Missions was read. Remarks by Elders A. F. Redd and J. D. Hufham. A collection was taken up for State and Foreign Missions, amounting to $10. The report adopted.

The committee appointed to ascertain why Stoker's Chapel did not represent itself, reported. The report stated that the church had dissolved.

The report on Church Letters was read. The report adopted.

The committee appointed to examine into the orthodoxy of the Summerville church, reported. Bro. D. Hazelton moved that the Summerville church be received into this Associaton. After remarks by Elders H. Morton, P. Oliver, bro. John Teague, Elders W. H. Hamner and A. P. Stoker, the church was received.

Elders C. W. Bessent and S. F. Conrad reported themselves as visiting ministers from the South Yadkin Association.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder Wm. Turner would preach in the house, and Elder J. D. Hufham at the stand, to-morrow at 11 o'clock, a. m.; Elder A. F. Redd in the house, and Elder S. F. Conrad at the stand, in the afternoon.

On motion, adjourned until Monday, 9 o'clock, a. m.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SABBATH, August 23, 1874.

The services were introduced by holding a short prayer-meeting, Elder Wm. Turner then preached in the house from Luke xi chapter, 52d verse. Elder J. D. Hufham at the stand, from Luke vii chapter, 34th verse.

After an intermission of one hour, Elder A. F. Redd preached in the house from Matthew vii chapter, 22d verse. Elder S. F. Conrad at the stand, from Hebrews xi chapter, 24th, 25th and 26th verses. All were listened to by large and attentive congregations.

Elder W. H. Hamner preached in the house at night, from John xix chapter, 30th verse.

MONDAY MORNING, August 24, 1874.

8½ o'clock, a. m., devotional exercises for half an hour, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read the third general epistle of John.

Prayer by bro. W. F. Stoner.

The minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and approved.

The report on Temperance was read. Remarks by bro. Henry Sheets, Elder H. Morton, bro. Wm. Clinard, Elders P. Oliver, A. F. Redd and Wm. Turner. The report adopted.

Elder G. W. Harmon was sent to the stand to preach.

The report on Finance was made. Remarks by Elder P. Oliver. Report adopted.

The Clerk reported the expenditures of the Associational funds for 1873.

The report on Sabbath Schools was called for, but not having been prepared, the following resolution was submitted instead of a report:

Resolved, That we recommend all the churches in this Association to engage in Sabbath School work. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. JONES.

Remarks by Elder P. Oliver, bro. John Teague and Elder J. D. Hufham. Resolution adopted.

The report on Church Extension was called for. Elder J. D. Hufham stated that this enterprise had been abolished, consequently no report was read.

The following brethren were appointed as correspondents to sister Associations:

Rocky River.—John Burrage and Henry Sheets.
Beulah.—J. L. Pleasant and J. B. Richardson.
Yadkin.—P. Oliver and C. A. Brindle.
Sandy Creek.—A. P. Stoker and W. N. Thayer.
South Yadkin.—H. Morton, David Smith, A. P. Stoker, W. F. Stoner, and Wm. Turner.

On motion, any brother attending any of the above named Associations, may consider himself a correspondent.

The following brethren were appointed as an Executive Board: J. B. Richardson, J. L. Pleasant, John Teague, G. W. Charles and A. C. Jones.

On motion it was agreed to hold the next session of this body with Reed's Cross Roads' Church, commencing Friday before the fourth Lord's-day in August, 1875.

On motion, Elder Wm. Turner was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at the next session; and Elder P. Oliver his alternate.

On motion the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of Minutes.

On motion the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association return its heartfelt thanks to the members of the Muddy Creek church and friends generally, for their hospitality during the term of this Association.

The Moderator made some touching remarks.

Prayer by Elder R. Gourley.

Hymn "'Tis religion that can give," &c.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Thus closed the forty-first annual Session of the Liberty Association.

WM. TURNER, *Moderator.*

THOS. CARRICK, *Clerk.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It has been customary for many years to have a report read before the delegates of this Association on the subject of Education. So far, however, as we can learn, the reports formerly read and adopted, have been unheeded and the churches have heard their delegates say little or nothing about them.

Dear Brethren, is it a fact that we meet and represent to each other the subject of education as one of vital importance, representing it as a subject which should claim the attention of every christian man and woman, and yet go away perfectly satisfied with ourselves, the state of our country and the state of the christian world, never more thinking of the importance of education?

In view of this heedlessness on the part of the brethren and Churches generally, it seems almost unnecessary to make another report on this subject. However, your committee would urge upon you, once more, the duty of not only educating your own children, but also that it is your duty to lend a helping hand to the young men at Wake Forest College, who are striving to educate themselves for the glorious work of the gospel ministry.

The Board of Education, directed by the Baptist State Convention, have had only six young brethren under their care during the last year. They have been forced, on account of the small contributions sent up from the various churches, to withhold their assistance from four young men who had already been received by them, two of whom were compelled to leave the College for want of funds.

Brethren, ought this so to be? shall we, as an Association, do nothing for our College and for our young men?

THOS. CARRICK.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Dear Brethren:—The ministry of the gospel is the great means for the conversion of the world. Other means may be important, but a living ministry is all important, The private reading of God's word, Sunday School teaching, and the circulation of religious periodicals, may be blessed to the accomplishment of great good; but the public proclamation of the Word is the special means of God's appointment for the conversion of the world.

Now, we believe that, in order that the ministry may attain the highest efficiency, it is necessary that those whom God has called to this special work should be wholly consecrated. "No man can serve two masters," nor can any one successfully follow more than one occupation The most successful men are those who having determined upon their life-work, lay aside everything else and concentrate their energies and efforts upon one point, Now, in order that ministers of the gospel may give themselves wholly to the work of preaching, it is necessary that the churches see to it that they are supported. How many have been all their lives crippled and embarrassed, because

God's people have not been mindful of their duty in this respect. The Word of God is our guide here, as in all other matters. When our Saviour sent forth the twelve apostles, he commanded them to go and preach, relying upon the hospitality of those with whom they labored. They were to preach and the people were responsible for their support. And again, in 1 Cor. ix, Paul says: "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" Again he says: "Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the gospel should live of the Gospel." With these passages of scripture before him, can any christian mistake his duty.

Brethren, remember your pastor. Let him feel that he has your sympathy and hearty co-operation in all his labors of love. Remember him in your approaches to the throne of grace. Remind him that it is his duty to preach the gospel, and do you not forget that it is just as much your duty to supply his wants. If God has called your pastor to preach to you, He has called you to stand by him and support him.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HARMON.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

That we recognize the power of the press for informing us on and keeping us in sympathy with the workings of our denomination, and in defending our doctrines: it is our weekly preacher, and the teacher that educates our children at the fireside. We regard the *Biblical Recorder* as indispensable for our highest efficiency as church members, and we cordially recommend *Kind Words, The Baptist Teacher* and *Home and Foreign Journal* for our Sunday School work.

With the view of securing a larger circulation of these periodicals, we would recommend to our churches that they appoint a committee from each church, whose duty it shall be to help the pastor in introducing these papers into every Baptist family.

A. F. REDD.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have reason for joy and gratitude when we look to the past and see what has already been done in the evangelization of the world. During the present century, a new era has dawned upon the nations. Christians have waked up to some extent to the weighty responsibility resting upon them, and nearly all denominations have their missionary societies through which they maintain laborers in foreign lands. The noble men and women have been greatly encouraged by seeing the work prosper in their hands. New fields are opening up, and the Macedonian cry for help comes to us from all parts of the earth. Some time ago our own Board was calling for men and God has sent them. Now what is needed is the prayers and contributions of God's people to sustain those who have gone and are now going to labor.

Christian brethren, we talk and write and preach about the Commission, but I fear that too few of us catch its spirit and endeavor to carry out the great duty which it enjoins. We need to return to the fervor

of our first love, and feel again as when we first saw the Lord and experienced the power of his truth. Then our hearts ran out after men and we could scarcely rest for a moment.

We need to love God, his truth and the souls of men more; then we should be more active in the cause of our Master. Finally, whether the cause of Missions had been successful in the past or not; whether or not our love is as ardent as it should be; whatever be our state of feelings or surrounding circumstances, we ought not, we can not, for a moment hesitate. It is the Master's to command, ours to obey. Let us all hear and obey our marching orders: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," &c.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HARMON.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee appointed to prepare a report on Church Letters and State of Religion, after some consideration, is glad to learn that the Lord has to some extent blest his people within our bounds. Some of our churches bring up the glad news that the Lord has been with them and revived their drooping spirits and that many have been brought from darkness to light through the instrumentality of His people; this fills our hearts with gladness, and enables us to cry out and say, "bless the Lord, O my soul."

But, while it fills our souls with joy and gladness, to hear of the prosperity of Zion in some portions of our Association, we are made to sorrow over the desolation in other parts of the vineyard: Some of the brethren are telling us of the coldness of their churches; they are crying: O, my leanness! my leanness!

Brethren, why this cold state? Is it because we have been too negligent in regard to many important duties? We verily believe, brethren, that there is no necessity for our coldness, but it is to be always rejoicing in the Lord. So let us search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord. So let us wait upon the Lord, for they that wait upon Him shall have their strength renewed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. STOKER.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The magnitude of a subject so important in all its bearings, demands our most prayerful consideration. We are led to believe that the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, by many of our brethren, is a serious hindrance to the cause of Christ. We are of those who think that no church member should be engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous liquors, either directly or indirectly. We should look upon strong drink as a common enemy to our cause, and should respectfully ask all our brethren, and urge upon them to desist from the use of an article so detrimental to our best interests. We are unable

to understand how a disciple of Christ, who loves the cause of his Redeemer above all things else, who has a burning desire for the salvation of precious souls, can in any way, either in public or private, indulge in the use of an article which can have no higher use than the gratification of the lust of the flesh.

It is dangerous, because it degrades us in the estimation of the christian world, and thereby lessens our usefulness. It is dangerous, because it lays an example before the world in which others who are less able than ourselves to resist temptation, may stumble and fall. It is dangerous, because it says to the sinner, that if the church member can use intoxicating drinks, that he may with all propriety indulge to the fullest extent the sensational desires of his carnal appetite.

Let us, dear brethren, use every effort in our power, as an organization, to forward the great temperance movement inaugurated in our country, until the sentiment shall predominate, until the time when intemperance shall find no advocate in our ranks, when every professor can lay his hand upon his breast and lift his eyes toward heaven and say with a clear conscience, I am free from the sin of intemperance.

Respectfully,

HENRY SHEETS.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The following is the amount sent up for the various objects. For printing of minutes, $32.93. For State Missions, $14.35. For Foreign Missions, $29.00. For Education, $7.00.

For the amount sent up by each church see statistical table.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptised	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	White Males	White Females	Colored Males	Colored Females	Total	Church Meetings	Contributions. Education	State Missions.	For. Missions.	Minutes,	S. S. Scholars.
Muddy Creek	P. Oliver	Little Yadkin	...	...	...	...	1	...	18	35	...	...	53	1	.....	.....	$3 45	$1 40	.....
New Friendship	Wm. Turner	Salem	...	...	...	...	...	1	42	83	...	...	125	1	.....	.....	5 25	3 25	.....
Abbott's Creek	Wm. Turner	"	8	1	...	3	1	...	39	79	5	3	126	3	.....	.....	3 20	3 50	.....
High Point	G. W. Harmon	"	2	5	...	...	...	1	21	35	...	4	60	4	.....	.....	.....	2 35	30
Thomasville	———	———	...	1	...	1	...	...	9	22	...	...	31	3	.....	.....	.....	1 00	25
Pine Meeting House.	H. Morton	Millegeville	...	...	....	2	1	1	19	31	...	...	50	4	$5 00	.....	7 15	2 25	30
Jersey Settlement	J. B. Richardson.	High Point	...	...	....	2	4	7	38	56	24	41	159	1	.....	$6 85	2 25	3 05	.....
Reed's Cross Roads	H. Morton	Millegeville	...	...	....	...	...	2	30	48	...	...	78	2	.....	2 50	.....	2 00	.....
Marion	W. H. Hamner	Lexington	...	...	....	1	...	...	9	12	1	2	24	2	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Liberty	B. Lanier	New Market	2	...	....	...	...	4	32	60	...	1	84	2	.....	.....	.....	1 55	.....
Holloway's	H. Morton	Millegeville	2	2	1	4	2	...	38	86	4	8	136	3	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	.....
Lick Creek	A. S. Roper	Jackson Hill	1	...	...	1	2	1	43	80	1	4	128	4	.....	.....	2 70	3 50	.....
Big Creek	James Jordan	Troy	....	11	...	...	1	1	20	40	...	1	61	2	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
Tom's Creek	A. P. Stoker	Salem Church	6	...	2	2	3	2	19	32	...	1	53	2	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
Pierce's Chapel	B. Lanier	New Market	6	...	...	...	15	...	21	28	...	2	51	3	.....	.....	.....	1 45	.....
Summerville	A. P. Stoker	Salem Church	11	8	...	...	1	...	8	29	...	...	37	1	.....	.....	.....	1 13	81
			38	28	3	16	31	20	406	756	35	67	1256		$7 00	$14 35	$29 00	$32 93	166

Licentiates.

W. R. Coggin, W. S. Adderton, Thos. Carrick and John Burrage.

Ordained Ministers.

Benjamin Lanier,	New Market,	N. C.
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	"
G. W. Harmon,	"	"
W. H. Hamner,	Lexington,	"
Aaron Yarbrough,	"	"
Wm. Lambeth,	Salisbury,	"
A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church,	"
W. N. Thayer,	Sander's Hill,	"
H. Morton,	Millegeville,	"
S. A. Roper,	Jackson Hill,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

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REED'S CROSS ROADS CHURCH, }
Davidson Co., N. C., Aug. 20th, 1875. }

The Liberty Association convened according to previous appointment.

By the request of Elder Wm. Turner, Elder C. T. Bailey preached the Introductory Sermon, from Heb. 11th chapter and 24th, 25th verses.

Recess of one hour, after which, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder Wm. Turner, by reading from the 106th Psalm and singing "Come let us strike our harps afresh." Prayer by Elder H. Morton.

The Church letters were called for and read, and delegates were enrolled as follows:

DISTRICT NO. I.

Muddy Creek.—H. E. Long, Wm. Doty and J. E. Craver.
New Friend-ship.—Pinkney Snider, A. Delap and C. A. Rominger.
Abbott's Creek.—G. W. Charles, John Teague and Sandford Spurgin.
High Point.—D. Hazelton, A. C. Jones and J. B. Richardson.
Thomasville.—A. R. Witherington, and H. W. Reinhart.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Pine Meeting House.—J. H. Wilson, G. W. Deadman and Jas. Beck.
Jersey Settlement.—A. H. March, J. A. Rickard and W. E. Mersel.
Reed's Cross Roads.—J. H. Owen, J. A. Craver and J. M. Foster.
Marion.—J. A. Leonard, Peter Loff and R. S. Green.
Liberty.—W. Miller, B. F. Copple and B. Lanier, Jr.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Holloway's.—H. J. Palmer, J. M. Stoner and A. E. Prim.
Lick Creek.—Thos. Carrick, W. P. Redwine and Peter Cross.
Big Creek.—A. L.Henderson aud J. M. Henderson.
Tom's Creek.—Henry Sheets.
Pierce's Chapel.—W. R. Coggin and Thos. Lambeth.
Summerville.—William Gallimore.

On motion the Association proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk. Brethren J. F. Hodge and J. F. Redwine were appointed to wait on the House, who reported Elder Wm. Turner elected Moderator, and Bro. Thomas Carrick elected Clerk.

Elder Turner entertained the Association for a short time, with some very instructive,appropriate and touching remarks.

An invitation was given to churches that might desire to unite with this Association—none accepted the invitation.

On motion, an invitation was given to visiting brethren. Elders C. T. Bailey, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, J. F. Hodge of Rocky River Association, J. F. Redwine of South Yadkin Association, Wm. Lambeth of Salisbury, and J. B. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary of the State Baptist Convention, accepted the invitation.

On motion the pastor and delegates of this church were appointed as a Committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, brethren from sister Associations were invited to report themselves. Bro. John Sailor from the South Yadkin reported.

The following brethren were appointed as a Committee on Finance: C. A. Rominger and A. H. March.

On motion the Clerk was made Treasurer of the Association.

J. B. Richardson, H. W. Reinhart and A. R. Witherington, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed as a Committee to prepare an order of proceedings.

The following Committees were appointed to report to-morrow or as soon thereafter as practicable.

On Education.—H. W. Reinhart and G. W. Charles.

On Ministerial Support.—D. Hazelton and W. P. Redwine.

On Periodicals.—C. T. Bailey and R. S. Green.

On Missions.—J. B. Richardson and A. H. March.

On Church and State of Religion.—C. A. Rominger and Thos. Carrick.

On Temperance.—Thos. Carrick and H. Morton.

On Sabbath Schools.—A. C. Jones and John Teague.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. F. Redwine, leading. Preaching to-night by Elder J. F. Redwine.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 21, 1875.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by Moderator Turner reading from the 3d chapter of Revelation, and singing the hymn "Blessed are the men whose mercies moved."

The roll was called and minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee on an order of proceedings reported. Report adopted and Committee continued.

On motion the names of delegates not present were left out of the minutes.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read.

Correspondents to Sister Associations were called on to report. Bro. Henry Sheets attended the Rocky River; had a pleasant meeting. Elder J. B. Richardson attended the Beulah; thought that the meeting was more than usually interesting. Elder Wm. Turner and Brethren W. F. Stoner and David Smith attended the South Yadkin; the meeting was attended with interest.

The following brethren were appointed as Correspondents to Sister Associations:

Rocky River.—H. Morton and W. S. Adderton.

Beulah.—Wm. Turner and J. B. Richardson.

Sandy Creek.—J. L. Pleasant and D. Hazelton.

Yadkin.—R. A. Wommack and A. Delap.

South Yadkin.—A. Yarbrough and A. R. Craver.

On motion any brother of this Association attending any of the above named Associations, may consider himself a corresponding messenger.

On motion it was agreed to hold the next session of this body with the Church at High Point, commencing Friday before the fourth Lord's-day in August, 1876.

On motion Elder H. W. Reinhart was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session, and Elder Wm. Turner his alternate.

On motion the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and to have 500 copies printed, and that the Clerk be allowed six dollars for his services.

Bro. Henry Sheets was sent to the stand to preach.

The following report on Sabbath Schools was read by chairman of the Committee:

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REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

There is no department of christian labor in which all the followers of Christ can engage more efficiently than that of Sabbath Schools. The Scriptures enjoin upon us the religious instruction of the young.—Let the children be brought to Christ, and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We rejoice to learn that our Churches are becoming more and more enlisted in this christian work. We earnestly recommend every church to have a Sabbath School, not only at their houses of worship, but in every surrounding neighborhood. Let us work for still greater efficiency in bringing the precious ones that God has committed to our guardianship into the light and liberty of divine truth.

A. C. JONES,
JOHN TEAGUE.

Interesting remarks were made on the report by Bro. John Teague and Elders C. T. Bailey and H. W. Reinhart, after which it was adopted.

The Committee on Finance made the following report.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The amount of funds received for printing Minutes $30.03, for State Missions $3.25, for Foreign Missions $4.00, and for Ministerial Education $2.00. Total, $39.28.

C. A. ROMINGER,
A. H. MARCH.

For amount contributed by each church see Table of Statistics.

The Treasurer's report was as follows.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Received from the Finance Committee for printing Minutes $30.03, for State Missions $3.25, for Foreign Missions $4.00 and for Ministerial Education $2.00. Funds on hand from last year, for printing Minutes $2.07. Total on hand now $41.35.

THOMAS CARRICK, Treasurer.

On motion, the Association adjourned for one hour. Prayer by W. H. Hamner.

Afternoon Session.

After singing and reading a portion of the Scriptures by the Moderator and prayer by Bro. C. A. Rominger, the Association again proceeded to transact the business claiming its attention.

Invitation was again extended to correspondence, and was accepted by Bro. [illegible] Parker from the South Yadkin Association.

Bro. T. F. Redwine was sent to the stand to preach.

Bro. H. W. Reinhart, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted a report as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

[illegible] believe and teach that God intends to convert the world through the instrumentality of his church; that to this great and glorious work all christians are required to consecrate their lives, their property, their powers of heart and mind; that to this end God demands that we shall improve for his service and glory all the talents committed to our care. We know that consecrated educated mind has ever been a powerful agent in the hand of God for the conviction and conversion of sinners. Can it be that christians in this enlightened age need to be urged to use the means committed to their stewardship for their own increase in knowledge and mental power and consequent enlarged christian influence for the education of the children entrusted to their care and instruction, and for the thorough preparation for the great work of the

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gospel ministry of those in their midst whom God has set apart more particularly to his service. And yet, it is a lamentable fact, so far as the information of your Committee reaches, that little, very little has been done in this direction within the bounds of this Association. One young brother from this Association, preparing for the ministry, has just graduated at Wake Forest College with but little assistance from the churches of this Association. Others might be found, willing to give themselves to the Lord's work if encouraged by the liberalities of the brethren. Nor would we neglect to urge the education of our daughters. It is a fact proven by the experience and observation of many that the influence exerted by pious, educated women in every church and community is second only to that of the ministry of the word in the maintenance of all the interest of Christ's kingdom. We, therefore, earnestly urge our brethren to avail themselves of the excellent schools, male and female, established in our midst and elsewhere in our State, under Baptist auspices, for the thorough education of our sons and even more especially of our daughters. Respectfully submitted,

H. W. REINHART,
G. W. CHARLES.

Instructive and stirring speeches were made by Elders C. T. Bailey, H. W. Reinhart, J. B. Richardson and bro. C. A. Rominger.

The report was adopted.

On motion the following report on Periodicals was read by Elder C. T. Bailey, chairman of the committee:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The efficiency of our membership, the brotherly interest and co-operation of the thousands of our people, the success of the truth in its conflict with error—with the general information and religious instruction of our people, depend to a great extent upon the character and circulation of our religious literature. For this reason we earnestly recommend the *Biblical Recorder*. It will greatly aid the pastors of our churches in their arduous work for the Master. It will aid and encourage the brethren and sisters in their efforts to reach a higher degree of piety and usefulness. It will instruct and benefit the members of every family it visits. As a religious family newspaper it is unsurpassed in its allegiance to the truth as it is in Christ. In its high moral tone and its absolute independence in all the issues that divide public opinion it is without a rival in all the land. We regard it as a duty to the ministry and membership of our churches, that its claims should be actively canvassed in every section of the State [illegible] circulation in every baptist family [illegible] possible.

C. T. [illegible]EY,
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Remarks on the report were submitted by [illegible] J. B. Richardson and H. W. Reinhart, on the imp[illegible] reading the *Biblical Recorder*. The report was a[illegible]

The Committee on Ministerial support made [illegible]

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL [illegible]

Dear Brethren: We believe the preaching [illegible] is one great source of converting the world, and the great A[illegible]ys, for though I preach the Gospel I have nothing to glory of, [illegible] necessity is laid upon me, yea, woe is unto me if I preach not [illegible]. And our blessed Saviour's commission to his apostles, is [illegible] as the universe; for he said unto them—"Go ye into all [illegible] and preach the Gospel to every creature," &c. Now brethren if such great [illegible] is laid upon our ministers, what is our obligation to our God and to our ministering

brethren? Is it not our duty as brethren to give of our substance as the Lord has prospered us? And the apostle Paul says, neither did we eat any man's bread for naught, but wrought with labor and travail night and day that we might not be chargeable to any of you, not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an example unto you to follow us. Now, brethren, let us follow St. Paul's instruction, and let us not only give of our substance as the Lord has prospered us, but let our prayers daily ascend to the Throne of Grace in behalf of the servants of our blessed Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted, D. HAZELTON,
W. P. REDWINE.

Remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey and J. B. Richardson, after which the report was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that bro. Thomas Carrick would preach to-night at the stand. That to-morrow at 11 o'clock, Elder Wm. Turner would preach in the house, and Elder J. B. Richardson at the stand; and that Elder C. T. Bailey would preach in the house in the afternoon.

On motion the Association adjourned until Monday, 9 o'clock, a. m.

Prayer by bro. J. F. Hodge. Benediction by bro. H. W. Reinhart.

SABBATH, Aug. 22d, 1875.

Devotional exercises at 10 o'clock, a. m., conducted by Eld. J. F. Redwine, after which in consequence of the inclemency of the weather it was thought best to have preaching only in the house. Elder William Turner preached from Acts, 8th chap., 5th 6th and 8th v.; and was followed by Elder J. B. Richardson, who read from the 16th chap. of Acts, and preached on the subject of the Jailor's conversion. At the close of the morning exercises a collection was taken up for missions amounting to $10.75 for State missions, and 80 cts. for Foreign missions. After an intermission, Elder C. T. Bailey preached from 1st Cor. iii, 22.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, Aug. 23, 1875.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator reading from John vii, and singing the hymn, "Sow in the morning thy seeds." Prayer by bro. John Teague. The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and approved. The report of the Executive Committee was called for, upon which Elder J. B. Richardson, the Chairman of that Committee, made a verbal report, stating that the Committee had done nothing during the last year. Report received and Committee continued for next year.

Bro. H. W. Reinhardt moved that this Association recommend and urge each church in its bounds to appoint one of its members, and that that one be a female if possible, whose duty it shall be to collect funds in her church for the support of a missionary in this Association; and that the sisters appointed make regular reports to the Exec. Committee of this body, whose duty it shall be to employ a missionary for this Association. *The churches would do well to notice and carry into effect this motion.*

Bro. H. W. Reinhart was sent to the stand to preach.

The following was the report submitted on Missions:

REPORT ON MISSIONS:

We as a denomination claim to be a missionary body, because the first impulses of our religion direct us, the Scriptures abundantly teach us by precept and example, and our Lord strictly commands us to preach the Gospel to all creatures. What are we doing in this work?

1. The State Mission Board has only seven missionaries in the field while some Associations have five or six more. We ought to have fifty men now employed; for the destitution calls for them and we are able to support them.

We recommend to this Association to double their efforts in this work, even if they will not employ a missionary in the bounds of our Association.

2. We are doing some little for Foreign Missions but not what we ought. Our Foreign Missionaries, says Dr. Tupper, corresponding secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, in a recent appeal, will have to be recalled if our contributions are not greatly increased. North Carolina is falling far short of her quota in this department. We beg our Pastors to bring before all their churches our mission work.

A. H. MARCH,
J. B. RICHARDSON.

Elder J. B. Richardson addressed the Association on the importance of missionary work.

The report was adopted.

Bro. C. A. Rominger offered the following report on

CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Dear Brethren: From the reading of the church letters we receive intelligence that the Lord has been pleased to bless some of our churches with revivals of religion since our last Association, for which our hearts do greatly rejoice. The question then arises, Why have not all the churches been thus revived? We know that God is no respecter of persons. Then the fault must be ours. Brethren, does not this coldness in religion begin at home? How often do we assemble ourselves together in the home-circle and make religion our theme! Ah! if it lives not at home, how can we expect it to live abroad! Suppose the members of every family represented in the churches of this body, were to spend a short time every evening in reading the Sacred Truth, and then earnestly asking God to revive religion in their hearts, what would be the state of religion among us? What would be the reports of the churches at our next Association? Why, they would tell us of Pentecostal showers, and of peace and general prosperity throughout the bounds of our Association. Brethren, if we want our churches revived, our members increased more than usual, and more of our friends and relations brought into the fold of Christ, we must have more enthusiastic home-workers: "For in the day thou seekest me with thy whole heart, I will be found of thee." Yea, "It shall come to pass that before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. ROMINGER,
THOS. CARRICK.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In order to be fully awake to the cause of temperance, we have only to consider the ruinous effects of intemperance upon the human family.

The use of alcoholic spirits as a beverage has and ever will prove detrimental to man's physical being, and it tends greatly to degrade his moral nature, thus reducing him to the most abject slavery, placing him under the control of the carnal appetites and reducing him almost to a level with the brute. Also, the mental faculties are greatly weakened and deranged by the use of this poison. So that if we were to say nothing of any other evils these three would be quite sufficient to elicit our sympathy and call us to rescue suffering humanity.

According to the various estimates made the evils of intemperance are the greatest national scourge of the day. But the most distressing feature, and that which should stir our souls most, is that it is ruinous to the human soul. The cause of Christ demands that we should put forth all the efforts within our power to weaken, and if possible to banish alcoholic spirits from the land.

Dear Brethren, is it right that our church members should indulge in the use, the sale or the making of that which is so destructive to the human race? Can a good man do and deliberately continue to do, that which he knows to be wrong? In short, ought we to countenance those of our brethren who are furnishing the world with this species of poison?

THOS. CARRICK,
H. MORTON.

Remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey, J. B. Richardson, and brethren C. A. Rominger, D. Hazelton and Henry Sheets. The report was adopted.

On motion the following brethren were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Wm. Turner, J. L. Pleasant, W. P. Redwine, Henry Sheets and W. H. Hamner.

Elder J. B. Richardson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the brethren and citizens of this community for their kind hospitality to the members of this body during its session.

The business of the Association having been disposed of, on motion it adjourned.

Prayer by Elder C. T. Bailey.

Benediction by Elder H. Morton.

WM. TURNER, Moderator,

THOS. CARRICK, Clerk.

LICENTIATES.

W. R. Coggin, W. S. Adderton, Thos. Carrick, H. W. Reinhart and Henry Sheets.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Benjamin Lanier,	New Market, N.C.	W. N. Thayer,	Sander's Hill, N. C.
Wm. Turner,	Salem, "	H. Morton,	Milledgeville, "
G. W. Harman,	Wadesboro, "	S. A. Roper,	Jackson Hill, "
Aaron Yarbrough,	Lexington, "	J. B. Richardson,	High Point, "
W. H. Hamner,	" "	R. A. Moore,	Thomasville, "
A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church, "		

Items.—Contributions to the Orphan Asylum from Jersey Church, $5.18; from High Point, $3.60; from High Point Sunday School, $8.79. This Sunday School has also contributed $4.50 for other benevolent objects.—The Church at High Point has liquidated their church debt, near $500—did it among themselves.—The Jersey Church has given during the past year for Church Extension, $35.00; for church repairs, $70.00; and to Ministers aiding in meetings, $68.00.—The brethren and sisters at Thomasville have painted their house at a cost of $120.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1875.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. OFFICES.	Baptised,	Received by Letter,	Restored,	Dismissed by Letter,	Excluded,	Deceased,	White Males,	White Females,	Colored Males,	Colored Females,	Total,	Church Meetings,	Contributions for 1875. Education,	State Missions,	For. Missions,	Minutes,	Sunday Schools,
Muddy Creek,	P. Oliver,	Little Yadkin,	10			2		3	18	40			58	1				$1.20	
New Friendship,	Wm. Turner,	Salem,	6			1	2	2	38	82		1	121	1			$2.00	3.00	
Abbott's Creek,	Wm. Turner,	Salem,	2			1		2	40	78	5	3	126	3				3.05	
High Point,	J. K. Howell,	Catawba Sta.,	5	4		2			22	37	3		62	4	$1.44	$2.20	2.24	3.00	34
Thomasville,	——	——		4				1	11	23			34	3				1.00	30
Pine Meet'g House	H. Morton,	Milledgeville,	23						29	44			73	4		7.20	4.45	1.63	
Jersey Settlement	J.B.Richardson,	High Point,	71	2	2	5	1	5	73	90	21	41	225	1	6.00	42.62	5.07	4.00	
Reed's ⋈ Roads,	H. Morton,	Milledgeville,	12		1				36	55			91	2				1.70	
Marion,	W. H. Hamner,	Lexington,							9	12	1	2	24	2				1.00	
Liberty,	B. Lanier,	New Market,				1		4	31	56			87	4				1.25	
Holloway's,	S. A. Roper,	Jackson Hill,	9	2		10	2	1	30	44	1	3	78	3				1.50	
Lick Creek,	H. Morton,	Milledgeville,	4			2	2	2	44	77	1	4	126	3	2.00	3.25	2.00	2.00	
Big Creek,	James Jordan,	Troy,			1	1	1	2	17	39			56	2				1.50	
Tom's Creek,	B. Lanier,	New Market,					5		18	28		1	48	2				1.35	
Pierce's Chapel,	B. Lanier,	New Market,	1	2					22	30			52	3				1.50	
Summerville,	A. P. Stoker,	Salem Church,	3				1		9	30			39	1				1.35	40
			126	14	4	25	14	22	447	765	32	55	1299		$9.44	$55.27	$15.76	$30.03	104

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PROCEEDINGS.

HIGH POINT CHURCH, GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C.,
August 25th, 1876.

The Liberty Association convened according to previous appointment.

Introductory Sermon by H. W. Reinhart, from I Cor. 3rd chapter and 9th verse.

After a short recess the Association was called to order by Elder Wm. Turner, by reading a portion of Scripture and singing. Prayer by Elder S. F. Conrad.

The letters from the various churches were called for and read, and delegates were enrolled as follows:

DISTRICT NO. I.

Muddy Creek—Jacob Carnish, B. Doty and J. E. Craver.
New Friendship—M. L. Charles, R. A. Wommack and Theophilus Kimel.
Abbott's Creek—J. M. Raper, G. W. Charles and Sanford Spurgin.
High Point—D. Hazelton, J. Welch and A. C. Jones.
Thomasville—C. H. Sugg, James Witherington and H. W. Reinhart.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Pine Meeting House—G. W. Deadman and D. W. Barnes.
Jersey Settlement—A. J. Owen, J. W. Smith and G. W. Palmer.
Reed's Cross Roads—R. B. Myers, L. P. Craven and J. A. Myers.
Marion—Peter Lopp, Jacob Seacreast and R. S. Green.
Liberty—B. Lanier, Jr., George Fine and Stephen Imbler.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Holloway's—W. F. Stoner and Wm. Broadway.
Lick Creek—Thos. Carrick and J. H. Daniel.
Big Creek—J G. Henderson and W. A. Russell.
Tom's Creek—A. J. Buie, Henry Sheets and John Gibson.
Pierce's Chapel—S. W. Lanier, Abram Nance and Farley Cody.
Summerville—W. N. Kinney, Wm. Galimore and George Frank.

The Association then proceeded to the election of permanent officers, which resulted in the selection of Elder William Turner for Moderator, and Thomas Carrick Clerk. Elder Turner expressed his gratitude to the brethren of the Association for deeming him worthy of their confidence, and strikingly set forth the great objects of our annual meetings in an associated capacity.

An invitation was given to churches that might desire to unite with this Association.

Visiting ministers were invited to report themselves. The following brethren reported: Elder R. H. Griffith, Agent of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Elder C. T. Bailey, Fditor of the Biblical Recorder, and Elder C. A. Jenkins, Principal of Thomasville Male Academy.

Corresponding messengers from sister Associations reported as follows: Elder S. F. Conrad of Beulah, Elders E. Crutchfield and J. J. Crutchfield of Sandy Creek, and J. H. Booth of the South Yadkin.

Elders. J. J. James and J. B. Richardson, together with the delegates of this Church, were appointed as a Committee on Religious Exercises.

Brethren G. W. Charles and J. W. Smith as a Committee on Finance.

Elders H. Morton, W. H. Hamner and R. A. Moore were appointed to prepare an Order of Business.

Appointment of Committees to report during this meeting:

On Education—C. T. Bailey and R. A. Wommack.
On Ministerial Support—R. H. Griffith and Henry Sheets.
On Periodicals—S. F. Conrad and J. G. Henderson.
On Foreign Missions—J. J. James and C. A. Jenkins.
On State and Associational Missions—J. H. Booth and H. Morton.
On Church Letters and State of Religion—Thomas Carrick and L. P. Craver.
On Temperance—R. A. Moore and C. A. Rominger.
On Sabbath Schools—W. F. Stoner and G. W. Palmer.

On motion, Judge Kerr was invited to deliver an address before this body on the origin and history of the Baptists on Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Elder J. B. Richardson moved that this body meet to-night in this house and discuss the subject of Education, and that Elder R. H. Griffith be invited to address us.

On motion, it was agreed to meet each day during the sessions of this body at 9 o'clock, a. m., spend half a hour in devotional exercises, that we adjourn at half-past 12, meet again at half-past 1, and adjourn at will.

On motion of Bro. Henry Sheets, it was agreed to make the subject of State and Associational Missions the first business of to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. H. Booth.

According to previous appointment the Report on Education was called for and read by Elder C. T. Bailey.

The Report on Education.

Your committee most respectfully submit, that in their judgment the condition of our Educational interest demands the prayerful consideration of every member of Christ's Kingdom who desires the triumphs of our cause, or the welfare of our fellow men. Our want of interest and effort in this direction have greatly hindered our efficiency as a denomination, and is a burden that now bears so heavily upon us as a people.

The time has now come, when it is the duty of parents to educate their children. Efforts are being made to educate the children of the State, and large numbers are at school; with us, however, comparatively little is being done.

This your Committee deeply regrets. To awake the fathers of our people to this imperative duty should be the prayerful aim of every minister of the Gospel, and intelligent layman in the State.

We rejoice in the fact that the zeal and energy of some of our brethren have built School houses and Colleges nearly all over the State. These Schools and Colleges are, to-day, prepared to impart knowledge and even higher education to all who come. But we regret that so few of the parents of the land appreciate these opportunities, and thus there are not hundreds of our daughters at Thomasville, Raleigh or Murfreesboro, and as many of our sons at Wake Forest. We

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greatly need educated mechanics, educated farmers, educated merchants, educated ministers, as well as educated lawyers and doctors.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We regard the education of our rising ministry one of the most important objects of Christian effort. Much has been done in nearly every part of the State, in the sterile fields and amid the appeasing elements we find young men, strong in faith and willing to endure hardships, who have been trained in our Schools and Colleges, are side by side with others whom God has called, going forth and telling the story of the Cross. God be thanked for these young brethren He has given to His churches.

It is with painful regret that your Committee state the condition of the Education Board of the Baptist State Convention. Last year there were sixteen young brethren who had been licensed by the churches to preach the Gospel. Many of them were men of the highest character as Christians, and prepared in heart and mind to become able ministers of the New Testament. But the Board ended the session over $600 in debt, and such has been the pressure of the times, and the want of interest in ministerial education, that but little of the debt has been paid, and it is now feared that the Board will have to suspend operations. This we should regard as a great calamity to the cause of Christ, and therefore let us hope and pray that God may put it in the hearts of his people to help this Board. We recommend, as worthy the patronage and support of our brethren, our Schools and Colleges now in successful operation, and especially commend our Greenville Theological Seminary to our brethren in the ministry, and heartily approve of the efforts now being made to raise North Carolina's quota of its permanent endowment.

Respectfully submitted.

C. T. BAILEY,
R. A. WOMMACK.

Pending the adoption of the Report the Association was addressed by Elders C. T. Bailey, J. J. James and Judge Kerr. The Report was suspended to be further discussed to-morrow.

In consequene of the audience being small Elder R. H. Griffith was requested to address this body, in the interest of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, to-morrow, and that his address be made the second order of business.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by Elder R. A. Moore.

SATURDAY, August 26th, 1876.

At 9 o'clock, a. m., devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, after which the Association again proceeded to business.

The Report of the Committee on an Order of Business was called for and read by Elder H. Morton. Report adopted.

The roll of delegates was called, and proceedings of yesterday and last night read and approved.

On motion, the Association dispensed with the reading of the Constitution and Rules of Order.

The following report on State and Associational Missions was read by Elder J. H. Booth:

The Report on State and Associational Missions.

Your Committee would state that the cause of State Missions should elicit our more earnest sympathy and consideration.

The State Mission Board has eleven missionaries under appointment, who are preaching the Gospel both in town and country. To meet the current expenses of the brethren requires about two thousand dollars—only two cents to each professed Missionary Baptist in the State; but not half of this amount, which is actually necessary to pay the faithful Missionaries for this year's services, has been received as yet. There is great destitution within the bounds of our beloved State. Fifty Missionaries ought to be in the field. But how can they preach except they be sent? And how can they be sent without the means?

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

As it is known to this body, there is great destitution within the bounds of our own Association. At least one Missionary should be appointed as soon as practicable to labor in Lexington and the destitute country neighborhoods.

We therefore recommend that the Association make it the duty of the Executive Committee to secure a Missionary as soon as the money to meet the expenses can be made sure. In order to do this, we would most earnestly urge the pastors to get their churches to adopt at once the systematic plan of giving weekly as the Lord hath prospered us. A plan recommended by Paul in I Cor. 16th chapter and 2nd verse. And we recommend that the churches which adopt this plan report immediately to the chairman of the Executive Committee the amount that they will give during the next Associational year, to be forwarded quarterly. Also that the Association make it the duty of the Executive Committee to do all within their power to get the churches to adopt this plan.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. BOOTH,
H. MORTON.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to hear the report of the Executive Committee, which was submitted by Elder J. B. Richardson.

The Report of the Executive Committee.

Your Committee to whom was referred the appointment of a Missionary to labor with the bounds of this Association, report that they have made no appointment because they have received no means.

They recommend the discontinuance of any such Committee, unless the churches place the necessary funds in their hands.

J. B. RICHARDSON,
A. C. JONES,
G. W. CHARLES.

On motion, the report on State and Associational Missions and the report of the Executive Committee were discussed in connection with each other. Pending the adoption of the reports the subjects were well discussed by Elder J. H. Booth, Judge Kerr, Elders S. F. Conrad and R. H. Griffith.

In this connection Elder Wm. Turner gave a very interesting account of the history of the missionary operations of this Association.

On motion the subjects now under consideration were suspended that Elder R. H. Griffith might address the Association in the interest of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder S. F. Conrad would preach in the Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock this evening, and Elder R. H. Griffith to-night in this house.

The Association took a recess of one hour.

Benediction by Elder W. H. Hamner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder C. T. Bailey.

The report on Education was again taken up, and adopted.

The report on State and Associational Missions was resumed and re-read. Remarks were submitted by Bro. H. W. Reinhart, Elders J. B. Richardson, J. H. Booth, J. J. James, Wm. Turner and E. Crutchfield.

In connection with the subject of State and Associational Missions, Bro. H. W. Reinhart offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Liberty Association, pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavors to induce our churches to adopt the Bible plan of weekly systematic benificence, as laid down in I Cor., 16th chapter and 2nd verse, with the view to the employment of a missionary within the bounds of this Association.

The report was adopted as amended by the above resolution.

Corresponding messengers to sister Associations reported. Elders H. Morton and A. P. Stoker attended the Rockey River. Reported a good meeting. Elders J. B. Richardson and Wm. Turner attended the Beulah. They also reported an interesting meeting. Brethren David Smith, H. Morton, Wm. Turner and others attended the South Yadkin.

The report on Ministerial Support was called for and read by Elder R. H. Griffith.

The Report on Ministerial Support.

It is a fact which accords with the principles of human nature and corroborated by universal experience, that a man gives his best energies and attention to that employment from which he expects his support. In the ordinary transactions of life men expect to compensate those persons as well as to support the very beasts whose labors they employ.

Since the preaching of the Gospel is the most important of all employments, it surely deserves the best capacities, the undivided energies, of those engaged in so glorious a work; but if they have to look to something else for a support, they cannot give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry. Yet in the instructions of Divine Inspiration, Timothy was directed to give himself wholly to the work of preaching the Gospel, while to the churches was given this information, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel."

The farmer supports his ox. Shall not the churches of Christ support those who serve them in the Gospel.—Cor. IX.

R. H. GRIFFITH,
HENRY SHEETS.

Remarks by Judge Kerr and Elder R. H. Griffith. Report adopted.

On motion the report on Periodicals was ordered. The report not being ready the following resolution was submitted by Elder R. H. Griffith:

Resolved, That we most heartily commend the *Biblical Recorder* to the members of our churches as promotive of Christian knowledge and piety, and urge upon

them the importance of increasing its circulation as involving to a large extent the extension of our influence and the success of our denominational enterprise.

Speeches were delivered by Elders C. T. Bailey and R. H. Griffith, earnestly urging the great duty of taking and reading the *Biblical Recorder.*

The report on Periodicals having been brought in was read by Elder S. F. Conrad.

The Report on Periodicals.

The success of all enterprises engaged in by a number of persons is best promoted by concert of action, and this can only be brought about by all parties interested being properly informed as to their nature and bearing.

As a denomination of Christians, bound together only by the united ties of brotherly love and common allegiance to Christ, it is important that we be thoroughly identified and informed as to every good word and work.

We, your Committee, therefore, deem it of the highest importance that every one who can, to constantly read the *Biblical Recorder* and be informed of the great work immediately in our borders and the regions beyond, as well as to aid in the circulation of a wholesome literature.

The power of the Press can never be estimated, and those who fail to use it fail to weild one of the most powerful weapons God has given to disseminate truth and combat error. The time has now come when the success of truth largely depends upon the press. As seeds of error are sown broadcast over the world can only be overcome by a like sowing of the truth, let us, dear brethren, keep pace with the age in which we live and use all the means in our power to circulate truth and promote the greatest good.

S. F. CONRAD,
J. G. HENDERSON.

Further remarks were added by Elders J. J. James and R. H. Griffith. The report and resolution were adopted.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SABBATH August 27th, 1876.

Devotional exercises at 9 o'clock, conducted by Elder Wm. Turner.

The hour having arrived for Judge Kerr's address on the Origin and History of the Baptists, he proceeded to speak with very great power and ability.

Preaching in the Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock by Elder H. A. Brown.

Preaching in the afternoon in the Baptist church by Elder C. T. Bailey from Eph. 3rd chapter and 8th verse.

Preaching at night in the Baptist church by Elder Wm. Turner from Luke 20th chapter and 35th and 36th verses.

MONDAY, August 28th, 1876.

Devotional exercises at 9 o'clock, a. m., conducted by Elder R. A. Moore, after which the body was called to order by the Moderator.

The time and place of the next meeting of the Association being in order, after a short contest between the churches at Big Creek and Abbott's Creek, it was

decided to hold the next Association with the church at Big Creek on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1877.

Elder B. Lanier was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. B. Richardson his alternate.

The report on Foreign Missions was called for and read by Elder J. J. James.

The Report on Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Missions of the Baptists of this country cannot be said to be making rapid progress in the multiplication of converts, and yet the outlook is quite encouraging. To break in upon the hoary errors of heathenism and overturn them by so fundamental a change as that required by a true faith in the Gospel of Jesus, is a great and mighty work. The Baptists do not propose to extend their missions by merely bringing the heathen under the restraints of external ceremonies. If this were their plan they might go forward with great rapidity, as it is an easy thing to gain converts to imposing ceremonies. But the Baptist in all their missions, whether in this or other countries, li. e Christ and his Apostles, call upon men to repent, believe in Christ, and "bring forth fruits meet for repentance;" in other words, that they must be regenerated or born again by the Divine Spirit before they can be Christians. To produce so great a change as this among the people of idolatrous nations requires great faith and zeal and especially the Divine blessing to reach any thing like success.

The number of our missionaries now in Foreign fields is small, being only about one dozen sent from this country. With so small a force in the field how can we expect large results. The number of missionaries can be increased only as the means are furnished to sustain them.

J. J. JAMES,
C. A. JENKINS.

Pending the adoption of the report remarks were submitted by Elders J. B. Richardson and R. H. Griffith. A collection was taken up in the interest of the Foreign Mission Board, amounting to $7 53.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Elder J. B. Richardson, it was agreed that any brother of this Associatton attending any sister Association may regard himself as a corresponding messenger.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to represent this Association: H. W. Reinhart, Henry Sheets and R. A. Moore.

The churches in this Association are requested to send delegates of their own choice to the Convention, in all cases where their contributions during the past year have been large enough to thus entitle them.

The following brethren were nominated and elected as the members of the Executive Committee of this Association: W. F. Stoner, G. F. Smith, Sr., Henry Sheets, A. R. Witherington and R. A. Wommack.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to have the minutes printed at the *Recorder* Office, and to get as many printed as he can for the amount of funds, reserving six dollars for his services.

The report on Temperance was called for and read by Elder R. A. Moore.

The Report on Temperance.

This subject is as important as the human family is extensive. The Bible does not narrow it down to the excessive use of intoxicating drinks, but to the excessive indulgence in everything for which the appetite calls.

The subject claims our most careful and prayerful consideration, effecting as it does our physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual health. The well being of our churches, our families and our selves depend upon Temperance in all things proper to be used, and abstainance from that which is not conducive to both christian and physical health.

Had we a cluster of fruits of different varieties, and each variety were to be more or less delicious according to the condition of one, how important that that one be perfect.

God offers us a most delicious cluster of nice varieties, mentioned in Gal. : 22 and 23, calculated not only to enrich the recipient greatly, but benefit his surroundings; but if one of these be deficient the whole cluster is defective, and that one is Temperance. If our physical and spiritual health depend upon this crowning fruit of the Spirit, we should collectively and individually foster and defend this grace. We owe it to the world, to the church and to God. Unsheathe the sword that God made and gave you to do battle for him; it is sufficient for the great work if you will use it as you should.

Read what the wise man wrote in Prov. 23rd chap. See the cautions about eating. "Better to put a knife to the throat than eat to gluttony." How sharp the sword. Then notice his allusions to other indulgences. "Then look not upon the wine when it is red," &c., "which biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

If we were temperate in the use of the necessary comforts of life, and would abstain from indulgencies such as unnecessary eating, superfluous dress, tobacco and intoxicating drink, we could have funds to pay our pastors and missionaries, to build our school houses and churches, and educate our children, time to read religious books and the Bible, and happy hearts to praise our God.

Bespectfully submitted.

R. A. MOORE,
C. A. ROMINGER.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The following report on Sabbath Schools was read by W. F. Stoner.

The Report on Sabbath Schools.

There is no department of Christian labor in which all the followers of Christ can engage more effectually than that of Sabbath Schools. The Scriptures enjoin upon us the religious instruction of the young. Let the children be brought to Christ and the Kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We rejoice to learn that some of our churches have Sabbath Schools, but sorry to know that others have none. We earnestly recommend every church to have a Sabbath School, not only at their houses of worship, but in every destitute neighborhood. Let us work earnestly for this end, as we believe it is a means of Grace in our hands of doing great good in our Master's cause.

W. F. STONER,
G. W. PALMER.

Bro. H. W. Reinhart addressed the Association in a short but stirring speech on the importance of keeping up Sabbath Schools.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was submitted, as follows:

The amount of funds received for printing Minutes, $28 90; for State Missions, $9 73; for Foreign Missions, $8 62; for Ministerial Eduction, $1 04; and for Associational Missions, $5 80.

Total amount of funds received during the Association, $54 09.

G. W. CHARLES,
J. W. SMITH, Jr.

The report was adopted.

(For amount contributed by each church see Table of Statistics.)

The Treasurer's Report.

DISPOSITION OF FUNDS RECEIVED LAST YEAR.

Of the $39 28 received and $2 07 on hand, paid $9 25 to J. B. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, for the objects of the Convention for which the money had been contributed. For Clerk's fee, $6 00. For printing Minutes, $20 00; other expenses on Minutes, 25 cents. Cash on hand from last year for printing Minutes, $5 85.

CASH RECEIVED THIS YEAR.

For printing Minutes, $28 90; for State Missions, $9 73; for Foreign Missions, $8 62; for Ministerial Education, $1 04: and for Associational Missions, $5 80. Total, $54 09. Added to funds on hand gives a total of $59 94.

THOS. CARRICK, *Treasurer.*

The report on Church Letters and State of Religion was called for and read as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN—It is with a feeling of deep regret that your Committee cannot make a more favorable and encouraging report on the religious growth and interest in the churches composing this body, yet we are thankful for what progress has been made within our bounds during the past year. From the reading of the church letters there seems to have been a slight increase in the contributions for benevolent objects and we hope and pray that this increase is an omen for good. But it gives us much pain to see that the spiritual interest of the churches is not what we have a right to expect it to be. Only few churches report many additions. Has God ceased to bless his people? Are there no souls to be converted in the neighborhoods of the churches where no one has been added during the past year? Let us look to it that we arouse from this poor lukewarm state to the discharge of the great duty of seeking to win souls to Christ. We hear of revivals of religion in various sections of the country. Why have there not been more with us? Verily the fault must lie at the door of our own hearts.

The great need of revival in our churches shows that there is a need of it in our own souls. Let us, then, return to our respective churches and newly consecrate our selves to our blessed Savior, taking up our crosses let us go forth to do battle in the service of our Lord, having the precious blood of Christ ever as the weapon of our warfare. Then may we hope to go on conquering and to conquer.

THOS. CARRICK,
L. P. CRAVER.

On motion, the report on Church Letters and State of Religion was adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer is authorized to pay to J. B. Richardson, the Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, all funds in his hands for the various objects of the Convention, and to pay to the Executive Committee all funds on hand for Associational Missions.

The following resolution was offered by Elder H. Morton:

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to send delegates to meet with the Jersey Church, Friday before the next fifth Sabbath, to organize a minister's and deacon's meeting.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution of thanks offered by the Association:

Resolved, That this Association return its heartfelt thanks to the members of High Point Church and friends generally for their kind hospitality during the term of this Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

Prayer by Elder R. H. Griffith.

WM. TURNER, *Moderator.*

THOS. CARRICK, *Clerk.*

Licentiates.

W. S. Adderton, Thos. Carrick, H. W. Reinhart and Henry Sheets.

Ordained Ministers.

B. Lanier, New Market, N. C.
Wm. Turner, Salem, N. C.
W. H. Hamner, Lexington, N. C.
H. Morton, Milledgeville, N. C.
S. A. Roper, Jackson Hill, N. C.
J. J. James, High Point, N. C.
Aaron Yarbrough, Lexington, N. C.
A. P. Stoker, Jackson Hill, N. C.
W. N. Thayer, Sander's Hill, N. C.
J. B. Richardson, High Point, N. C.
R. A. Moore, Thomasville, N. C.
W. R. Coggin, Jackson Creek, N. C.

Items.

Contributions During the Past Year.

Jersey Church—State Missions, $11 40; Foreign Missions, $6 72; Education, $3 00; Sunday School Missions, $5 00; American Tract Society, $2 05; Jersey Sunday School, $3 26, and to visiting ministers; $9 70. Total, $41 12.

Holloway's Church—State Missions, $2 60. This church has adopted the Systematic Plan of Christian benificence.

New Friendship Church—Foreign Missions, $4 67; Education, $6 16; Associational Missions, $9 74, and to Orphan Asylum, $4 03. Total, $24 60.

Abbott's Creek Church—Associational Missions, $8 28: Foreign Missions, $4 00; Education, $3 00; Orphan Asylum, $4 80. Total, $20 09.

Reid's Roads—State Missions, $3 75.

Pine Meeting House—State Missions, $10 30; Foreign Missions, $2 20. Total, $12 50.

The above amounts were not sent up to the Association, but contributed during last year. For amounts sent to the Association see Table of Statistics.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1876.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	White Males	White Females	Colored Males	Colored Females	Total Membership	Church Meetings	Contributions. Education	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Minutes	Associational Missions	Sabbath Schools
Muddy Creek	P. Oliver	Dalton	4	7	..	..	2	..	20	47	...	...	67	1	.....	$1 53	$1 52	$ 1 20	.....	64
New Friendship	Wm. Turner	Salem	1	..	..	3	..	1	37	81	...	1	117	1	.....	.....	.....	3 15	.....	...
Abbott's Creek	Wm. Turner	Salem	3	..	..	2	2	2	38	75	5	3	121	3	.....	.....	.....	3 05	.....	50
High Point	J. J. James	High Point	...	..	..	5	..	..	19	35	1	2	57	4	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	...
Thomasville	J. J. James	High Point	4	5	..	2	..	1	9	26	...	...	35	3	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	45
Pine Meeting House	H. Morton	Milledgeville	13	..	1	..	2	1	34	50	...	...	84	4	.....	3 45	3 00	2 25	.....	...
Jersey Settlement	J. B. Boon	Statesville	2	..	..	8	4	7	68	86	19	32	205	1	.....	.....	.....	3 20	.....	35
Reed's ✕ Roads	H. Morton	Milledgeville	3	1	..	..	1	2	39	53	...	...	92	2	.....	1 25	.....	2 00	.....	...
Marion	W. H. Hamner	Lexington	...	..	..	..	..	1	9	12	...	2	23	4	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	...
Liberty	B. Lanier	New Market	...	..	..	1	3	1	29	53	...	...	82	4	.....	1 50	1 80	1 35	.....	...
Holloway's	J. H. Booth	Cool Springs	3	2	..	2	3	1	35	87	...	1	123	3	.....	.....	80	1 50	5 80	...
Lick Creek	M. F. Haithcock	Albemarle	...	..	..	2	..	3	40	77	1	5	123	4	.....	.....	.....	2 25	.....	...
Big Creek	H. Morton	Milledgeville	8	..	..	..	1	3	20	39	...	...	59	3	.....	50	.....	2 00	.....	60
Tom's Creek	B. Lanier	New Market	...	2	..	..	1	1	19	27	...	1	47	2	$1 04	1 50	1 50	1 15	.....	...
Pierce's Chapel	B. Lanier	New Market	3	..	..	..	6	1	23	32	...	...	50	3	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	...
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PROCEEDINGS.

BIG CREEK CHURCH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, N. C.,
August 24th, 1877.

The Liberty Association convened according to adjournment.

In the absence of Elder B. Lanier, Elder J. B. Richardson preached the introductory sermon from I Cor. 12th ch. and 27th verse. After a short recess, the Association was called to order by Elder Wm. Turner, the former Moderator, by reading the 82nd Psalm and singing an appropriate hymn.

Elder J. J. James leading in prayer.

The letters from the different churches composing the Association were called for and read, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

DISTRICT No. 1.

Muddy Creek.—Wm. Doty, Jacob Cornish and Daniel Kinney.

New Friendship.—E. J. Hine, P. Snider and R. A. Wommack.

Abbott's Creek.—G. W. Charles, John Teague and Jeffrey P. Traynham*.

High Point.—J. B. Richardson, A. C. Jones and James Holton.

Thomasville.—E. H. Davis, H. W. Reinhart and R. A. Moore.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Pine Meeting-House.—Wm. Simeson,* Alexander Sharp,* and John Beck.*

Jersey Settlement.—Jesse Maley, H. L. Smith,* and A. L. Smith.*

Reed's X Roads.—A. R. Craver, M. Leonard and Alfred Wood.

Marion.—W. H. Hamner and Peter Lopp.

Liberty.—B. F. Copple, H. J. Fox and W. T. Miller.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Holloways.—James Robertson,* Enoch Briggs* and A. E. Prim.

Lick Creek.—W. P. Redwine, Stephen Bailey and John T. Bean.

Big Creek.—D. H. Coggin, M. J. Leach and Wm. A. Russell.

Tom's Creek.—Samuel Snider, Wm. T. Kearnes and Jno. Gibson.

Pierce's Chapel.—Thomas Lambeth,* Farley Cody and William R. Coggin.

Summerville.—John Buil, John Bean and W. N. Kinney.

Those having a * attached were noted as absentees.

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After the reading of the letters, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder Wm. Turner for *Moderator*, and Henry Sheets for *Clerk*.

The Moderator returned his thanks to the brethren for the confidence reposed in making him their presiding officer. He very properly stated, that the object of our meeting was the wholesome influence we might receive, and the furtherance of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

An invitation was extended to any church that desired to connect itself with this Association.

Visiting ministers and brethren were invited to report themselves: Elders D. Wright and James Jordan, from the *Pee Dee Association;* Elder J. B. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary of the *Baptist State Convention;* and brethren V. M. Carter and A. H. Peeples, from the *Rocky River*, came forward and were cordially invited to seats.

On motion, R. A. Wommack and H. W. Reinhart were appointed a Committee on Finance.

The pastor and deacons of Big Creek Church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises. Elders H. Morton, J. J. James and Bro. E. H. Davis were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

On motion, committees were appointed on the various subjects, which claimed the attention of the body.

The following brethren composed the various committees appointed:

On Education—H. W. Reinhart and John Teague.

On Ministerial Support—W. P. Redwine and A. R. Craver.

On Periodicals—J. B. Richardson and John Bean.

On Foreign Missions—R. A. Moore and W. H. Hamner.

On State and Associational Missions—H. Morton and M. J. Leach.

On Church Letters and State of Religion—Henry Sheets, A. C. Jones and A. E. Prim.

On Temperance—J. J. James and Wm. T. Kearns.

On Sabbath Schools—D. H. Coggin and R. A. Moore.

A motion prevailed to appoint time and place of next meeting: Appointed Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1878, as

the time, and Abbott's Creek as the place. On motion, Bro. H. W. Reinhart was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and J. J. James his alternate.

The following correspondents to sister Associations reported: Elder J. J. James, H. W. Reinhart and R. A. Moore, attended the Beulah, and reported an interesting meeting.

Brethren John Teague, A. O. P. Teague and Elder R. A. Moore, attended the South Yadkin: Reported a harmonious and working body.

Elder J. J. James and H. W. Reinhart attended the Yadkin: Reported a good meeting.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed correspondents to sister Associations:

To the Sandy Creek, Elders R. A. Moore and Wm. R. Coggin.

Pee Dee, Elders J. B. Richardson and H. Morton.

Rocky River, Henry Sheets, H. Morton and M. J. Leach.

South Yadkin, Elders J. J. James, J. B. Richardson and Bro. R. A. Wommack.

Yadkin, H. W. Reinhart and R. A. Wommack.

Beulah, J. J. James and H. W. Reinhart.

It was appointed that Elder R. A. Moore preach at the stand to-morrow, at 11 o'clock. Elder J. B. Richardson was invited to address the body as agent for the *Biblical Recorder*, on the importance of taking and reading the same. He made a short but telling speech in its favor, giving many valid reasons why every Baptist should read his denominational organ.

Appointed to spend half an hour to-morrow morning in religious exercises, then proceed to the regular order of business.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by H. W. Reinhart.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 25th.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder W. H. Hamner. At the expiration of half an hour, the Association was called to order by Moderator Turner. On motion, the Committee on Arrangements reported: Report adopted without remarks.

The Report on Periodicals was read by Elder J. B. Richardson.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Press is the greatest of powers now in use to shape and direct public opinion. A sound and able religious periodical is the best educator, the Bible excepted, we can introduce into our families. In this day we need it to help bring up our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and to keep them in the principles of the Christian faith. We need it to enlarge our views of the great field ripe to harvest, to bring our efforts in union for the evangelization of the world, to comfort us in the toils, cares and sufferings of this life.

To effect glorious results we earnestly recommend our excellent State paper, the *Biblical Recorder*, published in Raleigh, at $2.10 per year, under the direction of Rev. C. T. Baily. Also *Kind Words* for children, published in Marion, Ala.; and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published in Richmond, Va., weekly at 50 cents; 5 copies to same P. O., at 40 cents.

We also recommend that our churches report in their church letters to our Association the number of *Recorders* taken among their church members.

JOHN BEAN,
J. B. RICHARDSON.

Interesting speeches were made by Elders J. J. James, D. Wright, Wm. Turner and Bro. John Teague. Report adopted.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder R. A. Moore.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great commission of our Master: "Go, preach my Gospel to every creature," is a sufficient warrant to the church to continue her efforts to send the leaven "until the whole lump is leavened" and "thy kingdom come and will be done," if we could not see any blessing attend our efforts. But God has wonderfully blessed the little efforts we have made to send the Word of Life and Salvation to Burmah, China, Africa, &c. Although we were late to begin, and have contributed so sparingly to support the good work, we have about twelve (12) Missionaries in the foreign field, and their reports are encouraging; and we who have the Gospel ought to strive to sustain the self-denying men now in the field, and add to their number of workers, by our prayers and contributions, that the heathen may be given to Christ as willing subjects and us as brethren.

R. A. MOORE, *Chairman.*
W. H. HAMNER.

Interesting and instructive remarks were offered by Elders Moore, Richardson and Reinhart. Adopted.

The Report on Education was called for and read by Bro. H. W. Reinhart.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee believe that the educational prospects of the denomination are much more encouraging than heretofore, and beg leave to state briefly the reasons for their belief. Notwithstanding the extreme financial stringency of the past year, so far as our information goes, the institutions of learning in which we are peculiarly interested, namely : *Wake Forest College*, *Murfreesboro Female College*, *Raleigh Female College* and *Thomasville Female College*, have all had a prosperous session and the prospect is very good for a still further increase. The spirit of education seems to be more fully awakened among our own people. Believing that education is essential to our denominational prosperity, we urge the brethren to sustain the schools already established in our midst and in our denomination and to establish good private and neighborhood schools. Nor do we regard female education as a whit behind that of male in influence for good.

Educate the sisters and future mothers, and the brothers and sons will need no urging to seek the advantages of education. It ought to be a subject of devout gratitude to God that the work of amply endowing our Theological Seminary is now beyond a doubt. Rev. R. H. Griffith has secured more than North Carolina's quota, and Kentucky has her $300,000 without condition, and the Seminary will start next session under new and more favorable auspices, in Louisville, Ky. We heartily commend the Baptist Student's aid Association of Wake Forest College.

We believe the plan of establishing a permanent and ever-increasing fund from which indigent young men, who desire an education, whether to preach the Gospel or to fit themselves for other useful occupations but are unwilling to sacrifice their sense of self-dependence, may borrow the amounts needed for their purpose at a moderate rate of interest with good security for payment in a reasonable length of time, to be correct in principle and calculated to exert a great and lasting influence for good to the denomination. We are glad to know that the Education Board of Wake

Forest College are even more than ever careful in the appropriation of the funds contributed by the denomination for the support of such beneficiaries as are likely to make a proper use of such aid, and to be of service to the cause as preachers of the Gospel. And we therefore commend this Board to the liberal support of the brethren.

H. W. REINHART,
JOHN TEAGUE.

Immediately after hearing the above report, Elder J. J. James asked leave to read the following resolutions as an addition to the above report, which was granted :

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, there is located within the bounds of this Association a Female Seminary of high character, known as Thomasville Female College ; and whereas our highly esteemed brother H. W. Reinhart and his lady, are the managers and proprietors of said institution, therefore

Resolved, That the ministers and members take great pleasure in recognizing the existence of this school and rejoice in its increasing prosperity.

Resolved, Also, that they can, and hereby do, most heartily recommend it to the patronage of all having girls or young ladies to educate.

Remarks were offered on the report and resolutions by H. W. Reinhart, J. J. James and J. B. Richardson.

Report and Resolutions adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association, after a recess of one hour, was called to order by the Moderator.

The Report on State and Associational Missions was called for and read by Elder J. B. Richardson.

REPORT ON STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board now has in its employ missionaries laboring at Salisbury, Statesville, Morganton, Polkton, Rockingham, Dallas and Gastonia, with their surrounding country ;—also one in Tyrell county and in co-operation with Associations several others laboring in important fields. There are now not less than

one hundred destitute sections in our State where souls are perishing for lack of a pure Gospel. Many of these sections are not in the territory of any Association.

We have large destitution within the bounds of our own Association. We again urge our churches to employ and sustain a Missionary within our own bounds. We have much encouragement to go on in the work. The first Baptist church ever organized in our State was planted in 1727; the second in 1742, and the third in 1755, in Randolph county. But Baptists could do but little in our commonwealth till after our Independence was declared and religious liberty guaranteed. In 1784 there were not more than 40 churches and as many ministers, with a membership not exceeding 3,500. Now we have not less than 137,000 communicants. Every place in our State where our principles are firmly established, was once missionary ground. And through the self-sacrificing efforts, the consecrated zeal and devotion of our ancestors in the mission work, under the blessing of God, we have become a power in our country. And now we are well able to occupy every destitute corner in our State.

With our past success and our present means, what excuse shall we render or can we offer to Him, who knows our means, if we fail to go forward and possess the land for Christ.

H. MORTON,
M. J. LEACH.

Stirring speeches were made on the Report by Elders Richardson, Moore, James and Wright. Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Report of Executive Board called for and read by Bro. Wommack:

Your Committee regret that they have an imperfect and unsatisfactory report to make. We held a meeting and divided out the churches among the members of the Committee. Most of the churches were visited and urged to contribute according to I Cor., xvi, 1, 2, for the support of a Missionary in our bounds. The amount thus pledged amounted to about $150. But we think an active missionary, acceptable to the churches, could increase that amount to $200, or even more. We have found a difficulty in getting the man that would be acceptable to the churches. We believe

that if your Committee were instructed to employ a missionary on their own judgment and the churches were willing to forego their individual preferences and sustain the action of the Committee, the right man could be found and success would attend this effort to advance the Redeemer's cause in our bounds.

R. A. WOMMACK,
A. R. WITHERINGTON,
HENRY SHEETS,
W. F. STONER,
G. F. SMITH.

Pointed and instructive remarks were made by Elders James, Morton and brethren John Teague and W. P. Redwine. Adopted.

On motion, it was agreed that the Moderator appoint the Executive Board for next year. The following brethren compose said Board: E. H. Davis, John Teague, W. P. Redwine, R. A. Wommack and Jesse Maley.

Appointed Elder J. J. James to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and Elder James Jordan at 3 o'clock.

The Association requested that the Executive Board report on Monday morning.

Prayer by Bro. P. Snider.

Adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SABBATH, August 26th.

Elder J. J. James preached to a large and orderly congregation from I Cor., 15 ch. and 58th verse. In the evening at 3 o'clock, Elder James Jordan preached from Micah 7th ch. and 18th verse.

At night Elder R. A. Moore preached, when several penitents came forward to be prayed for.

MONDAY MORNING, August 27th.

Exercises were opened by the Moderator by reading a portion of scripture and singing hymn "Am I a Soldier of the Cross."

The Report on Sabbath Schools was called for and read by Elder R. A. Moore.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on S. Schools are glad to report the great work of Sabbath Schools in rapid growth in some places towards what we think the work ought to be. That is, the church and as much of the congregation as possible, to form the school. The Bible is studied through the week with such helps as can be secured and taught and recited on the Sabbath with energy and profit both to teachers and pupils. The Gospel is sung to swell melody, which charms the ears of some who are not caught by the reading. And by these means many are born unto God to work for his glory. We deeply regret that those schools are not in every neighborhood, especially in every church—not for a few months in the year, but for every Sabbath in the year, where they can be made comfortable.

We are satisfied that the work would be greatly facilitated by a suitable supply of good books and papers, reward cards, &c., which may be kept up by weekly collections on the "Little Leader" plan. Every *Christian* should press this work for the sake of his own happiness, good and safety of his children and community. If a man is justifiable in plucking a thistle from his neighbor's field to protect his own from the seed it will bear, surely a christian will be justifiable in crowding evils out of his neighbor's family to preserve his own—to bless his society and country and glorify his God. Respectfully submitted.

D. H. COGGIN,
R. A. MOORE, } *Committee.*

Pending the motion, Elder Moore made an excellent speech in the interest of Sabbath Schools. Adopted.

Report of Executive Committee read by Bro. R. A. Wommack.

REPORT.

Your Committee beg to report that, after consultation and conferring with a brother whom your Committee think an efficient man, that can be secured, if the churches of the Association will agree to pledge the amount of $200. The Committee will meet at the Baptist church in Thomasville, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in September next, in the evening.

E. H. DAVIS,
JOHN TEAGUE,
W. P. REDWINE,
R. A. WOMMACK,
JESSE MALEY.

After several speeches by the brethren, the Report was unanimously adopted.

Report on Church Letters and State of Religion was called for and read by Bro. H. Sheets.

CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee, appointed to write on Church Letters and State of Religion, make their report with any other emotion than that of pleasure. There seems to be a spiritual dearth pervading our whole body, with the exception of one church. On comparing our statistics of this year with those of last, we find instead of gain a falling off from our total membership.

There is a cause which produces every effect. Let us turn to the farmer: he expects that God will give him a bountiful harvest if he plants and tills the soil. But, if he, through a want of proper foresight, hoards his money and persists in spending nothing for tools with which to till his soil, he need expect but little, if any thing. It equally applies to the Gospel field. The cause of our coldness is apparent. We, as a body, have done far too little in tilling the Gospel soil within our bounds, as well as outside.

We see inviting fields all around us. There are people in our own midst who scarcely ever heard a sermon from a Baptist minister; people who are anxious to have the Gospel as we hold it. This, in the opinion of your Committee, is the main reason why we seem to be retrograding. There may be, and very probably are, other important reasons why we are not advancing. It is suggested that a want of effective discipline may be one of the greatest of subordinate reasons. It is believed that there are far too many names enrolled on our church books, which, if justice was meted out to them, would be expelled from amongst us. We have large numbers who never seem to realize the fact that they are a part of the body of Christ.

Perhaps a spiritual growth would soon be seen and felt in our midst if our brethren would visit each other at their monthly meetings, and exchange views, and comfort each other. Beloved brethren: if any of the reasons named are the true cause of our failure, let us endeavor to bestir ourselves; awake from the lethargy which seems to hold us spell-bound; begin at once to pray, to work and ask the Lord to revive His work of grace in our hearts. It may be the Lord will yet hear and answer our prayers.

May we not endeavor to take a respectable stand amongst our working sister Associations. Let us begin now. Expect much, and hope to receive it. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SHEETS,
A. C. JONES,
A. E. PRIM.

Speeches by Turner, Sheets, Wright and James. Report adopted.

The Report on Temperance was called for, and read by Elder James.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

While there have been great advances made by the christians of this country within the last half century in intelligence, beneficence, activity, zeal, &c., it is a fact much to be lamented that they have not made equal improvement in temperance; one of the most important, as well as beautiful of the christian graces. The temperance taught us in the Gospel has reference, not only to eating and drinking, but to all our conduct, actions and habits. It enjoins circumspection and moderation in all things; so that "whether we eat or drink or whatsoever we do," we should so restrain and govern ourselves as to do all for the honor and glory of Christ.

Temperance, in the broad, scriptural sense, should be taught and insisted on from the pulpit more than it is. And your Committee would urge the importance of our ministers giving more attention to this department of christian duty. It ought to be taken for granted that no Gospel church will tolerate drunkenness in any of her members, or suffer them to engage in buying and selling spirituous liquors as a matter of merchandise, or to have their fruits and grains, the bounties of a kind Providence, converted into what has been correctly designated, "liquid fire and distilled damnation." As the present harvest has been unusually plenteous, your Committee, in conclusion, suggest that none who have named the name of Christ, convert these blessings of Divine Goodness into curses, and thus become the enemies, rather than the friends and benefactors of our fellow creatures.

J. J. JAMES, *Chairman.*
WM. T. KEARNS.

Pending the adoption of the Report, entertaining speeches were made by Elders Turner and James. Adopted.

The Report of the Treasurer was called for, and read by the Clerk.

REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee, $23.34 as Minute Funds for this year. HENRY SHEETS, *Treasurer.*

The Clerk is ordered to inform Elder Thomas Carrick that he may remit the funds held by him, due from last year, to Henry Sheets, the present Treasurer.

Report on Ministerial Support called for and read.

REPORT.

Your Committee on the Support of the Ministry, by the churches, beg leave to submit that there is great dereliction of duty in reference to this subject. There is scarcely a pastor in this Association who is receiving a reasonable support or remuneration for the services he is called upon to perform. The consequence is, many of the pastors are driven, of necessity, to secular avocations to secure a living for their families. The duty of churches to contribute pecuniarily for the necessary support of those whom they call to minister to them in holy things is so plainly taught in the word of God, that reference to it ought to be sufficient to remind all of their duty. In the 9th chapter of I Cor., full and explicit instructions are given on this subject, and your Committee suggests that it be read in all the churches of this Association, to remind the brethren of their duty. Unless there is some improvement in this matter it is impossible for us to supply the churches, much less the destitutes with the preached Word. The pecuniary inability of the ministry in this Association is doubtless the main cause of our cold and lukewarm state. And in this respect we are behind most of our sister Associations.

We respectfully submit,

W. P. REDWINE,
A. R. CRAVER.

Owing to the late hour the report was adopted without remarks.

The Moderator appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, W. P. Redwine, C. A. Rominger, R. A. Wommack, H. Morton and H. Sheets.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and allowed him $6.00 for his services. Ordered that he have 500 copies printed.

The following resolution of thanks was offered:

Resolved, That this Association return its thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends generally, for their hospitality during the term of this Association.

Prayer by Elder James Jordan.

While singing "Jesus, Refuge of my Soul," the ministers, delegates and friends engaged in bidding each other adieu.

Benediction, by Elder J. J. James.

Thus ended the Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the Liberty Baptist Association.

WM. TURNER, *Moderator.*

HENRY SHEETS, *Clerk.*

LICENTIATES.

W. S. ADDERTON, H. W. REINHART AND HENRY SHEETS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

B. LANIER,	Level Plain,	N. C.
WM. TURNER,	Salem,	"
W. H. HAMNER,	Lexington,	"
H. MORTON,	Milledgeville,	"
S. A. ROPER,	Linwood,	"
J. J. JAMES,	High Point,	"
AARON YARBROUGH,	Lexington,	"
A. P. STOKER,	Jackson Hill,	"
W. N. THAYER,	Saunder's Hill,	"
J. B. RICHARDSON,	High Point,	"
R. A. MOORE,	Thomasville,	"
W. R. COGGIN,	Jackson's Creek,	"

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Muddy Creek	P. Oliver,	Dalton, N. C.	14	1	...	2	1	...	29	51	...	...	80	1	.....	$3 27	$3 28	$1 20	.....	.....	.....
New Friendship,	Wm. Turner,	Salem, N. C.	1	...	...	1	...	1	36	78	...	...	114	1	$1 51	1 64	2 55	3 43	2 54	$ 74	56
Abbott's Creek,	Wm. Turner,	Salem, N. C.	2	...	...	1	...	3	35	75	5	3	118	3	1 10	10	1 10	2 45	1 10	1 20	58
High Point,	Not Supplied		...	...	...	3	4	...	13	32	1	3	49	4	.....	.....	4 70	1 25	.....	.....	.....
Thomasville,	J. J. James,	High Point, N. C.	...	...	...	1	1	...	8	25	...	...	33	3	*			1 50		.....	.....
Pine Meeting-House,	H. Morton,	Milledgeville, N. C.	1	...	...	1	4	32	48	...	...	80	4	.....	3 80	1 50	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jersey Settlement,	J. H. Booth,	Cool Springs, N. C.	...	...	...	16	10	5	64	76	14	21	175	1	.....	6 13	13 36	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reed's X Roads,	John Redwine,	Fork Church, N. C.	3	...	...	...	...	2	39	52	...	...	91	2	.....	.....	2 80	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Marion,	W. H. Hamner,	Lexington, N. C.	1	...	...	...	1	1	10	11	...	1	22	4	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....
Liberty,	R. A. Moore,	Thomasville, N. C.	15	...	1	1	...	2	36	59	1	1	97	4	.....	.....	.....	1 65	.....	.....	55
Holloway's,	J. H. Booth,	Cool Springs, N. C.	2	2	...	...	8	...	30	87	...	...	117	3	.....	4 80	4 80	1 10	.....	.....	.....
Lick Crick,	U. F. Haithcock,	Albemarle, N. C.	...	...	...	4	3	5	39	69	...	3	111	4	.....	6 00	5 00	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Big Creek,	H. Morton,	Milledgeville, N. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	38	...	...	57	3	.....	1 75	1 25	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Tom's Creek,	U. F. Haithcock,	Albemarle, N. C.	3	2	...	3	2	2	18	22	...	1	41	2	1 00	1 75	1 80	1 05	.....	.....	.....
Pierce's Chapel,	B. Lanier,	Level Plain, N. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	51	3	.....	.....	.....	1 50	2 50	.....	.....
Summerville,	A. P. Stoker,	Jackson Hill,	2	3	...	...	...	...	10	36	...	...	46	1	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....
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